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New Russian empire on agenda

Zhirinovsky warns West to keep out

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

■ With every pronouncement Vladimir Zhirinovsky causes disquiet at home and abroad. In a *Times* interview he offers a world view that harks back to the Cold War

VLADIMIR Zhirinovsky, Russia's far-right Liberal Democratic leader, said yesterday that Russia and the West could remain at peace with each other only if both established spheres of influence worldwide and did not seek involvement or influence in each other's affairs.

He said Russia should re-establish its international relations on a geographical basis, concentrating on rebuilding the Soviet empire and wooing Afghanistan, Turkey and the Middle East, particularly Lebanon and Iraq.

"Why should we care about what Britain or France think of us?" he said, and added the warning: "Sort out your own problems, keep away from Russia."

In the first key indication of a shift in government policy after the poor showing of reformists in the parliamentary elections, Yegor Gaidar, the economics minister who headed the main democratic bloc, Russia's Choice, spoke yesterday of the need to halt the decline in industrial output. This was a sudden departure from his usual claim, supported by the International Monetary Fund, that fiscal stabilisation is the root of economic revival.

"We must understand clearly for ourselves that a stable Russian democracy means growing output," Mr Gaidar said. But most large enterprises are unprofitable and need state investment, exacerbating inflationary tendencies which the radical democrats and their Western advisers have been keen to stem.

In an interview with *The Times* at his party's ramshackle headquarters, an ebullient Mr Zhirinovsky said that Russia would fare better without foreign help. "The West comes here to plunder our cheap resources, to conquer our markets, to pay us slave wages," he said. "The West takes everything from us: the material products of Russia and the brains of our people. That's enough of that."

Ukraine, which governs the Crimea, has expressed deep concern about Mr Zhirinovsky's influence on foreign policy and believes that the Kremlin may to try to pre-empt the Liberal Democrats' policies by taking a more aggressive stance towards former Soviet republics.

The rise of Mr Zhirinovsky has also prompted calls from Ukrainian nationalists for the republic to retain its nuclear weapons. But yesterday Kiev gave in to American demands that it begin dismantling weapons, taking 17 modern SS24s off alert and pledging to deactivate three more by the end of the year in an attempt to improve their image as hindering the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (Start 1).

Valeri Shmarov, the Ukrainian deputy prime minister, said: "This means lowering the level of military alert. The warheads have been moved away from the launchers."

Mr Zhirinovsky confirmed that he was engaged in talks with the presidential team, but Mr Yeltsin appears to be keeping him at arm's length and negotiating through his aides. The Liberal Democrat leader demanded the resignations of key cabinet liberals, including Andrei Kozyrev, the foreign minister, Anatoli Chubais, the privatisation minister, and Mr Gaidar.

The Russian leader faces a stark choice in coming days. He could decide to carry on with an unchanged programme of radical reforms, using his constitutional powers to bypass the legislature entirely; or he could amend the course and pace of reforms to show the Russian people that he has taken note of the protest vote.

If he inclines toward the latter course, as rumours suggest, he will make substantial personnel changes.

Open warfare has broken out between Viktor Chernomyrdin, the moderate prime minister, and his more radical colleagues, Mr Gaidar and Mr Chubais. Mr Chernomyrdin, who is said to have requested overall control of economic policy, has indicated that he expects Mr Gaidar and Mr Chubais to show readiness to resign in the wake of the poor performance of Russia's Choice.

Mr Zhirinovsky rejects comparisons with Hitler, saying: "There is no such thing as Russian Fascism. Fascism is based on anti-Semitism. We are not against Jews.

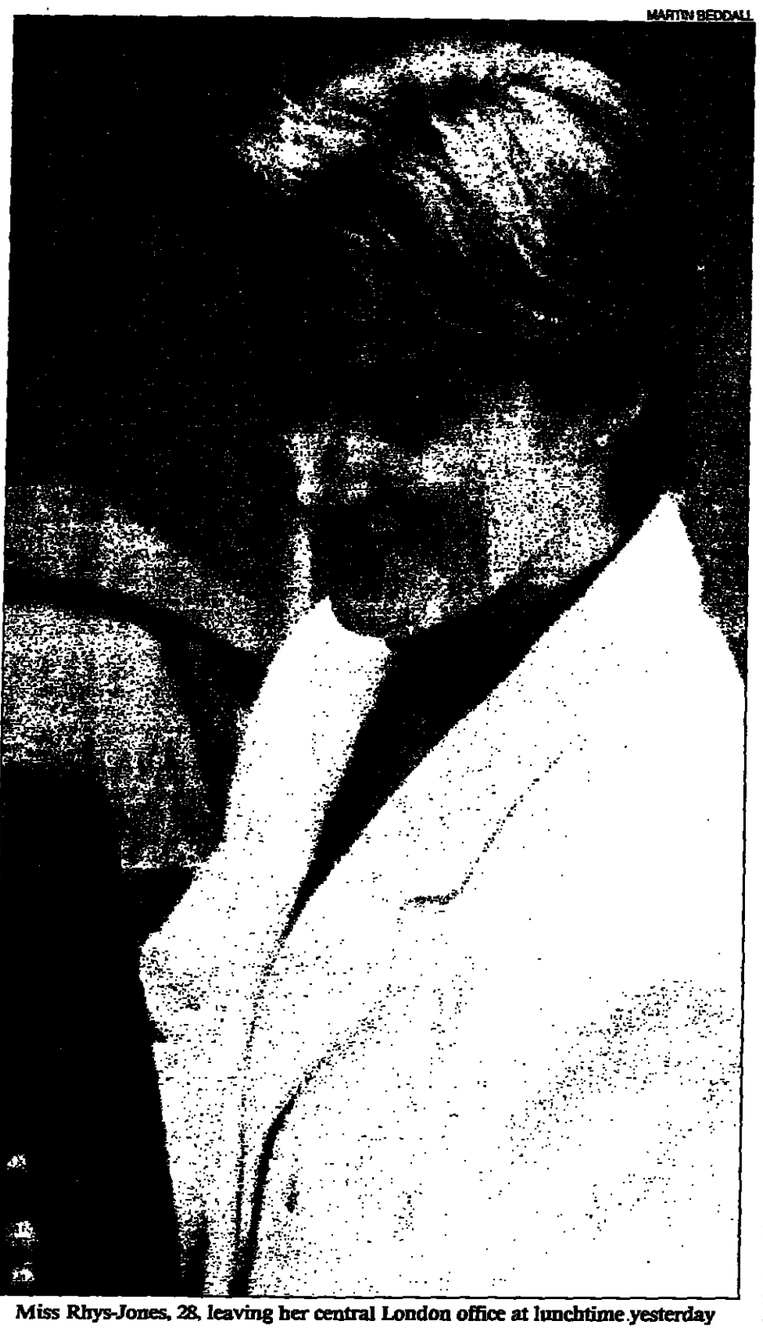
"The main thing which angers people here is the influence of people from the Caucasus. They are taking over our shops and restaurants and behaving badly. They are disliked as the Arabs in France or the Turks in Germany. That is not Fascism."

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'The sentences pour out in torrents. One thought wanders off ... you do wonder whether, he might be mad'

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Edward and Sophie 'no plans to marry'



MARTIN BEDDALL

Miss Rhys-Jones, 28, leaving her central London office at lunchtime yesterday

Prince pleads with media for privacy

BY ALAN HAMILTON

PRINCE Edward yesterday appealed in an open letter to newspaper editors for his privacy to be respected. He and Sophie Rhys-Jones, 28, a public relations executive, have been subjected to intense media attention in the 48 hours since their names were romantically linked by a Sunday newspaper.

Prince Edward tried to defuse the excitement yesterday by saying in his letter that he and Miss Rhys-Jones were good friends, but had no plans to marry. He promised that, if that situation changed, he would let the media know "in a proper and formal manner".

The Prince wrote the letter because of intense media interest in Miss Rhys-Jones yesterday. In it he said: "I am taking the unusual step of writing to you directly in the hope of stopping your reporters and photographers from destroying that part of my life I am entitled to regard as private and, more importantly, Sophie's life. We are not planning to get married — we have only met each other in the last few months — but we are good friends."

The Prince continued: "I am very conscious that other members of my immediate family have been subjected to similar attention, and it has not been at all beneficial to their relationships. Therefore, please will you call an end to your harassment of both Sophie and me, and allow us to carry on our lives as normal. It is you who have the power to grant us this. Please will you consider our wishes seriously, especially as it is Christmas and the season of goodwill."

The appeal is likely to have little effect. Although he has chosen a career in the private sector as joint managing director of an independent television production company, and is no longer supported by taxpayers' money through the Civil List, the fact that he is the Queen's youngest son, and still unmarried at 29, will be too strong an attraction for some sections of the media to be deterred.

The Prince's appeal comes



Edward: calling for an end to harassment

as his sister-in-law, the Princess of Wales, withdraws into a well-publicised and self-imposed purdah, pleading intolerable media pressure. Much of the Princess's alleged problems stemmed not from most national newspapers or broadcasting organisations, who tend to adhere to prearranged photo-opportunities, but from freelance photographers aiming to sell exclusive pictures on the world syndication market. There were further feelings

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Becker turns on her critics

BY KATE ALDERSON

ARRIVING home with six sick and wounded Bosnian refugees last night, Sally Becker, the controversial freelance aid worker from Hove, East Sussex, was sharply critical of those who questioned the success of her mission.

She hit out at UN critics: "I don't know why they are saying they wish I didn't go ahead with these missions. I will carry on ... I don't know why they say I deflect the real issues in Bosnia; until recently the media had turned away from the conflict.

"The UN's record proves they were not able to do it without us. I have heard they said they could have done it without Sally Becker, well why don't they bloody do it?"

Ms Becker praised the co-operation of the "brilliant" UN troops in Vitez, but accused a UN team of having taken 50 of her ambulances and two 30-ton trucks full of aid.

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Carey rebuke for 'divisive' Jenkins

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, criticised the Bishop of Durham yesterday for having proclaimed that the Star of Bethlehem and the Three Wise Men were mythical. Dr Carey, in a strongly worded statement issued from Lambeth Palace, regretted that Dr David Jenkins had reopened "these divisive issues" at such a time.

The run-up to Christmas was a time "when most Christians would prefer to remember all that unites them in wonder at the incarnation of Our Lord," he said.

Dr Carey, from the evangelical wing of the Church, pointed out that the core of Dr Jenkins' theology has always been, and remains, the Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ. Acknowledging that debate over the interpretation of Scripture will and should continue, he said: "We celebrate Jesus' birth because it is in Jesus that we meet God in all his fullness. This is what we should be reflecting on and thanking God for this Christmas time."

Dr Carey was supported by other senior clerics who united in their attempts to proclaim a more traditional Christmas message than that put out by Dr Jenkins. The Bishop of London, Dr David Hope, from the Church of England's Catholic wing, said Dr Jenkins' views were not new or revolutionary; nevertheless, he supported "the view that wise men from the East followed the star and came to the place where Jesus was laid."

Part of the attractiveness of the Incarnation was its mystery, he said. "We need to be setting out in a more positive way the message of Christ's birth and the Incarnation at this time."

The Right Rev John Taylor,

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Multiple killer jailed for life

BY RICHARD DUCE

A SADISTIC multiple murderer, who wanted to become famous as a serial killer, was given five life sentences at the Old Bailey yesterday, with a recommendation that he spend the rest of his life in jail.

Mr Justice Sachs told Colin Ireland, who admitted the murders of five homosexual men: "To take one human life is an outrage, to take five is carnage."

Ireland, 39, of Southend, Essex, had read a book by a former FBI detective which classified a serial killer as someone who had killed "one over four". He later told police: "I have got the book. I know how many you have to do — you have to do one over four."

The judge told Ireland: "In cold blood and with great deliberation you have killed five of your fellow human beings. You killed them in grotesque and cruel circumstances — the cruelty, brutality and indignities you subjected them to are almost unspeakable."

Ireland, who showed no emotion in court yesterday, was eventually caught after he was filmed on closed circuit televison with his final victim at Charing Cross station.

After the case his stepfather, Alan Williams, said the sentences were justified. His stepson, he said, had no wish to be released.

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Ulster Unionists back Major on peace agreement

BY NICHOLAS WATT AND PHILIP WEBSTER

JOHN Major's Northern Ireland peace initiative was boosted last night when the Ulster Unionists endorsed it for the first time.

But welcome backing from James Molyneaux, the Ulster Unionist leader, came as Sinn Fein raised the stakes by calling for all republican prisoners to be freed as part of a negotiated settlement.

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, spoke as Downing Street tried to avoid a rift with Dublin over clear differences of approach to the sensitive amnesty issue. British officials again rejected both an amnesty for paramilitary prisoners and any relaxation of the rules governing parole. However, they acknowledged that Mr Major would have to listen when Sinn Fein raised the issue in any exploratory talks after a three-month halt to violence.



Adams: call for release of republican prisoners

Downing Street was responding to the remark of Albert Reynolds, the Irish Prime Minister, on Sunday that an amnesty was one of the "areas for discussion".

Patrick McGeown, a member of Sinn Fein's national council, suggested that the amnesty demand was not a precondition for talks and hinted that it might be a month or two before a detailed response to the Anglo-Irish deal was given. Interviewed for BBC television's *Newsnight*, Mr McGeown said: "What I am saying is, 'let's get this thing moving, and then let's talk about it'."

Mr Molyneaux's positive endorsement of the declaration will please the Government, but may worry the nationalist community. He said the agreement could not possibly be called "a sell-out", although unionists were right to be cautious. "When people have studied the document as carefully as I have, they will find that what they saw as booby traps are not real," he told the BBC.

He added: "It is a recognition by both governments for the first time that the will of the greater number of people in Northern Ireland must prevail in all circumstances."

On the amnesty issue, Mr Molyneaux said he was confident that Mr Major would keep to his commitment not to release prisoners.

Mr Adams said that republicans would not be intimidated by London and Dublin after Mr Reynolds said he would crack down on the IRA

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Somerset to vanish in proposed local government reform

By Jonathan Prynn
Political Reporter

■ Members of all political parties in the ancient county are united in opposition to the latest attempt to redraw their boundaries

JOHN Gummer is under pressure from angry Tory MPs in the west of England over plans to remove the county of Somerset from the local government map.

Under the latest proposals from the Local Government Commission, published yesterday, Somerset would be split into three mini-counties each providing the full range of local government services. These are currently divided between county hall in Taunton and the five district authorities.

The proposals, which are all subject to approval by the Environment Secretary, also recommend the abolition of the 19-year-old county of Avon but support the retention of the current structure for Gloucestershire.

The commission, headed by Sir John Banham, has succeeded in uniting political parties in Somerset, where control of the council was dramatically seized by the Liberal Democrats in the local elections in May.

The four Tory MPs in the county, Tom King, the former Defence Secretary and MP for Bridgwater, David Nicholson, (Taunton), David Heathcoat-Amory (Wells) and Mark Robinson (Somerton and Frome) have all vowed to fight the proposals. Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader and fifth Somerset MP, has yet to comment.

Chris Clarke, the Liberal Democrat leader in Somerset warned that the cost of the proposed reforms could increase council tax charges by £60 a head.

Ralph Clark, the chairman of the council, predicted that the proposed structure would not survive 20 years. He said: "It's all very well to Balkanise the county, but you have to get a regional level into place and I predict we shall see the creation of another level of regional authority."

The blueprint published by the commission yesterday calls for seven all-purpose councils to replace the county and district councils in Avon and Somerset. They are:

☐ Bath and North East Somerset, to include the existing Avon districts of Bath and Wansdyke.

☐ Bristol, covering the existing city area.

☐ Mid Somerset, covering Sedgemoor district and the west of Mendip district.

☐ North West Somerset, to incorporate Woodspring district, now in Avon.

☐ South Gloucestershire, to include Kingswood and Northavon districts, both currently in Avon.

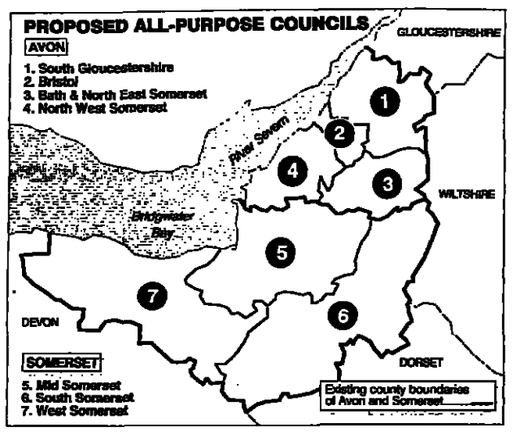
☐ South Somerset, covering South Somerset district and the east of Mendip.

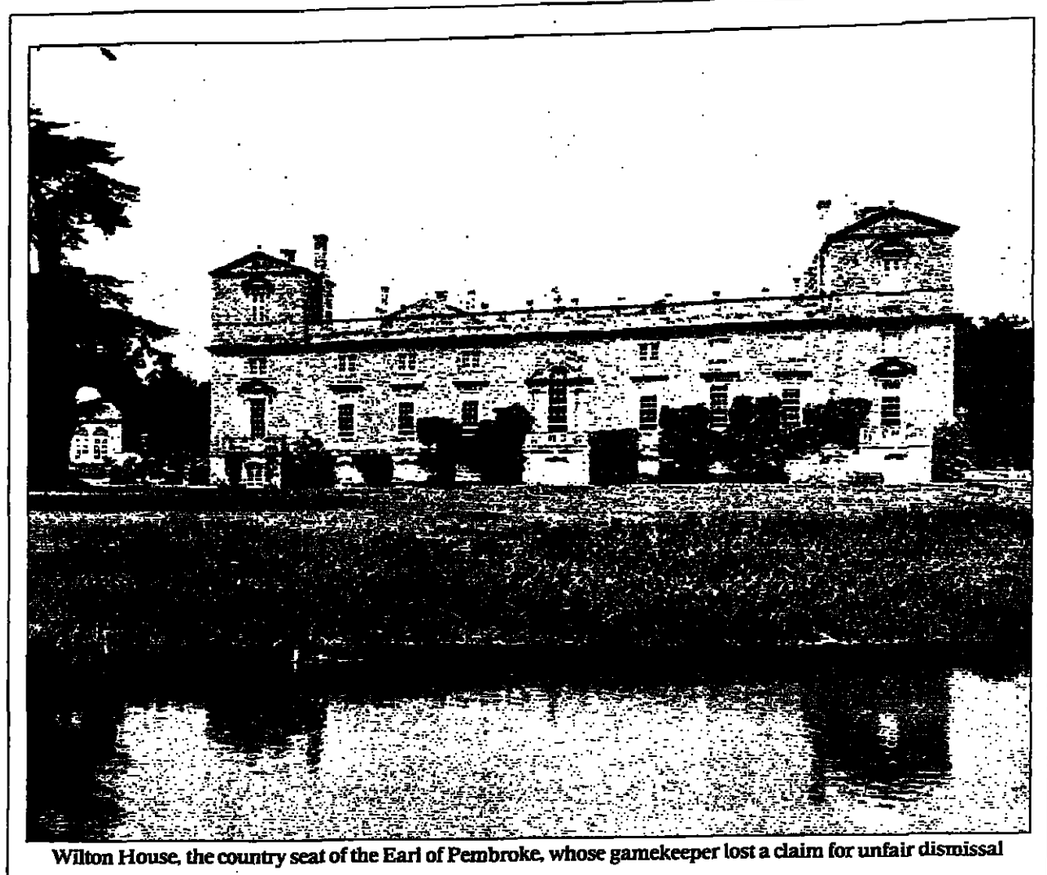
☐ West Somerset, incorporating Taunton Deane and West Somerset districts.

Gloucestershire would remain with its existing districts of Cheltenham, Cotswold, Forest of Dean, Gloucester, Stroud and Tewkesbury.

The commission claims the plans could bring annual savings of up to £12 million. But the figures have been disputed by county councillors who say the proposed restructuring could cost up to £15 million.

Mr Gummer's difficulties were eased elsewhere last night when Peter Mandelson, Labour MP for Hartlepool, urged the Government to press ahead with the abolition of Cleveland County Council.





Wilton House, the country seat of the Earl of Pembroke, whose gamekeeper lost a claim for unfair dismissal

Keeper fired for toasting pheasants



Lund: claimed he was suffering from stress

A BUNGLING gamekeeper was fired by the Earl of Pembroke from his country estate after he toasted more than a hundred pheasants to death, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Barrie Lund, 25, who allegedly failed to check a heater when he shut the birds in for the night, was then said not to have fed the survivors.

The Southampton tribunal was told that Mr Lund, whose claim of unfair dismissal was rejected, also drove round the 1,400-acre Wilton estate in Wiltshire at speed and failed to report damage to a motorcycle.

Lord Pembroke and the estate's agent, Raymond Stedman, decided to sack Mr Lund, of Barford St Martin, on July 15 after two disciplinary meetings.

Mr Stedman said that on June 30, after Mr Lund had been asked to shut in the pheasants, "he did not check to see if the heating was at the correct temperature".

Mr Lund told the tribunal he had been suffering from stress and tiredness due to an increase in hours under a new head-keeper.

He said he left the pheasants only when he was happy that the heater was at the right temperature. He added: "I know there has been trouble with tampering of the heaters."



Pembroke: warned the gamekeeper twice

Red Arrows may be grounded by cuts

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

THE future of the RAF Red Arrows display team could be in doubt in a new cost-cutting study at the Ministry of Defence.

The aerobatics team is on a list of support services being targeted by a six-man defence cost study team, responsible for finding cuts of £780 million in the next two years and up to £1 billion in 1996-97.

The Red Arrows, formed in 1964, fly nine Hawk jets and are based at RAF Scampton in Lincolnshire. The pilots give displays around the world and are seen as ambassadors for the RAF and the British aerospace industry.

They also help the RAF in its recruitment drive. Recruiting costs is now one of 15 areas which have been earmarked for cuts by the ministry team.

The officials will examine the value for money of the Red Arrows team, which costs £17 million-a-year, as well as The Parachute Regiment's Red Devils display team, the Royal Tournament, service dog display teams and other promotional squads.

Security measures introduced to protect Britain's defence secrets from Soviet spies may also be cut back to help meet Treasury spending targets. The MoD has invested "huge sums" in secure computer systems, a senior official said yesterday.

"But perhaps now we can make some savings because, apart from our nuclear deterrent, we don't have too many super secrets that we want to keep from the Russians," the official said.

The need to find substantial savings by 1997 means there will be no "sacred cows."

The official said the favourite question being asked inside the MoD is: "Which sacred cows will have to be shot?"

Unionists support Major on peace pact

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if it rejected the peace process, and continued with violence. Mr Adams, who is embarking on a lengthy round of consultations within the republican movement, said: "The issuing of ultimatums by London and Dublin while we are considering their document is most unhelpful. We have been around for too long for this Lloyd Georgian approach."

A British official said: "If they come to a permanent cessation of violence and say 'What about our prisoners?' we would have to listen. But we are not dealing with anything related to an amnesty. It will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and the criminal law will be followed."

The row over prisoners came two days before 60 IRA inmates are to be released from Ulster's three prisons for a week's Christmas home leave on Thursday.

Dublin officials have tried to play down the differences with London over prisoners, but there is no question that Mr Reynolds would adopt a more flexible approach. This was highlighted last night when Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, entered the amnesty debate. Welcoming the positive reaction to the declaration from all sides in Ulster, he said: "If the peace process works, if we bring about a permanent cessation of violence, I believe we will be looking at many things down the line and obviously the whole question of prisoners has to be looked at."

The opposition Progressive Democrats went further and said that peace would not be attained without an amnesty. Michael McDowell, the party's Northern Ireland spokesman, said: "If there is a categorical disarmament it must carry with it a prospect of an amnesty in the first place and a general parole in the final analysis."

☐ Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch believes the IRA was responsible for two fire bombs in central London last night (Stewart Tendler writes). No one was hurt. A third device failed to ignite.

A police spokeswoman said the bombs "bore all the hallmarks of the Provisional IRA". The attacks are the first launched by IRA active service units in London for some time. Incendiary devices have not been used for almost a year. A suitcase bomb was left near Victoria bus station and caused a small fire.

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Party risks cutting grass-roots

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The row over Tower Hamlets Liberal Democrats and their allegedly racist leaflets is about much more than the squalid tactics of some local councillors. The affair has national implications for the party's distinctive community politics campaigning. The outcome will affect the balance of power within the party and the prospects for co-operation with Labour.

Anyone wanting to understand the predicament of local politicians in an inner city area with many recent immigrants should read the report of the enquiry chaired by Lord Lester of Herne Hill, the leading human rights lawyer. It is full, fascinating and balanced.

Serious social problems have been exacerbated by conflicting pressures, a statutory duty to house the homeless (many from Bangladesh), but inadequate financial resources.

The then Liberals took over the council in 1986 from a decrepit Labour regime. Since then they have decentralised services to seven "neighbourhoods" in the borough and have championed the grievances of existing residents by taking a strict line on homeless families with their sons and daughters scheme. That produced campaigning literature which, according to the enquiry, "clearly pandered to racist sentiment among white residents".

The politics of Tower Hamlets, including the election of a British National Party councillor three months ago, are obviously exceptional. This is, after all, where Oswald Mosley's pre-war fascists marched.

However, as the report states, "Tower Hamlets Liberal Democrats are at the leading edge of the practice of community politics".

This approach, developed in the late 1960s by youthful radicals, now veterans, such as Tony Greaves and Gordon Lishman, involves grass-roots campaigning about local grievances (the original pavement politics) using tabloid *Focus* leaflets. This has been the basis of the party's growing success in council elections. It has many strengths, ensuring that councillors remain in touch with their voters — by contrast with the remote and paternalistic style of many old Town Hall leaders.

However, community politics can turn into saying anything which will win votes, however inconsistent with what is said elsewhere. The charge that the Lib Dems "fight dirty" has been made in many local and parliamentary by-elections. In a party with so few MPs, winning local elections is the measure of the success and campaigning develops a life of its own.

The report suggests that what the Tower Hamlets councillors did "was the product of misguided opportunism and populism: a belief that the end (winning power so as to govern in the interests of everyone) justified the means (bidding for votes of discontented white voters by pandering to their resentment and anxiety about the Bangladeshi section of the local community).

The local party significantly describes itself as the Liberal Democrat FOCUS Team to suggest that it is a group representing residents' complaints.

Some Liberal Democrat councillors outside London have been sympathetic with their colleagues in Tower Hamlets.

They argue that Paddy Ashdown has over-reacted by backing the enquiry and is out of touch with what is happening on the ground. That has posed a dilemma for Mr Ashdown who has prided himself on his good relations with the advocates of community politics.

A further twist is that the Tower Hamlets councillors and their sympathisers are the Liberal Democrats most opposed to co-operating with the Labour party since the latter is their main enemy locally.

By contrast, those Lib Dems, mainly former SDP members, who favour closer ties with Labour, are the strongest supporters of a tough line over Tower Hamlets. The row has exposed the party's most vulnerable flank.

Peter Riddell

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Lib Dem leaders try to limit racism row

By Alice Thomson, Political Reporter

THE Liberal Democrat Party leadership last night attempted to distance itself from the escalating feud in east London over the enquiry into racism in Tower Hamlets.

Charles Kennedy, president of the party, said: "This is a big row in a small town. We will let them have their say: the individuals involved have got every right to challenge the report. All I am concerned about is that it is upheld."

Mr Kennedy was voicing the leadership's concern not to let the row engulf the whole party. Some support for the leadership came yesterday when Hackney Liberal Democrats refused to support their neighbours in Tower Hamlets, where an enquiry has recommended the expulsion of three members for alleged racism in the recent Millwall by-election and disciplinary action against three others.

Tower Hamlets Liberal Democrat councillors have called on Paddy Ashdown to consider his suitability to lead the party. Three councillors resigned in protest and several members have formed a breakaway party.

Liberal Democrat headquarters in Cowley Street said no resignations from Tower Hamlets had been received.

Jenkins rebuked by Carey

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Bishop of St Albans, quoted yesterday in support of Dr Jenkins, made clear that, while supporting his colleague's right to express his views, he did not support what he said.

Bishop Taylor said that he accepted the truth of the biblical narratives and traditional church teaching regarding the virgin birth, the Christmas story and the bodily resurrection of Christ.

Although he believes Dr Jenkins is entitled to his views as a representative of the liberal tradition of the Church, Bishop Taylor said he did not stand in that tradition and distanced himself from Dr Jenkins' views.

Dr Jenkins continued, however, to receive support from the liberal wing of the Church. The Right Rev Rowan Williams, Bishop of Monmouth and former Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity at Oxford, said he would be sorry if anyone thought he could not be a Christian if he did not believe every detail of the Christmas stories.

"The Christmas story as it comes over in the average nativity play is not anywhere in the Bible," he said. "It is a composite of different bits of the Bible plus a lot of folklore. The three kings do not appear in the Bible, although Matthew gives a number of anonymous astrologers."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Redwood publicly axes two NHS jobs

John Redwood, the Welsh Secretary, yesterday dramatically axed two health service jobs, paying a total of around £100,000 a year, as he stepped up his crusade against the "men in grey suits". Only weeks after he tangled with Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, over the explosion in NHS bureaucracy since the reforms in 1990, Mr Redwood chose a press conference in Cardiff — outlining a £55 million regeneration package for the principality — to announce he was freezing two senior administrative posts advertised last week by the country's leading health service professional magazine.

One job was for a "capital planner" at a salary of up to £38,000 a year plus car and performance-related pay. The other was for an economist at around £30,000 plus the same perks. Both posts were advertised by the Welsh Health Common Services Authority, the body that co-ordinates the suppply of support services to hospitals and clinics in the country.

'Armada' fishing battle

Britain and Ireland were last night fighting a rearguard action to stop the EC allowing a Spanish fishing armada into restricted waters around the British Isles. However, support for the British and Irish position at a meeting of fisheries ministers in Brussels seemed to be falling away as a compromise was being hammered out. One of the conditions of their entry into the EC in 1986 gave Spain and Portugal limited access to EC waters. They cannot fish the North Sea and around the coast of Ireland.

Scottish tax increase

Council tax bills in Scotland will rise by about 10 per cent next year, according to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities. The average person in Scotland will pay £1.20 a week more, making the average bill £695.40. The estimate is based on Scottish Office figures that show that Government grants to local authorities are to increase by less than 1 per cent next year. Within that figure, however, individual grants will vary greatly with the four major cities facing cuts.

Arts funding crisis

Two senior resignations from the arts funding system yesterday emphasised the crisis within the Arts Council and strengthened calls for Government intervention. Kenneth Baird, director of the council's music panel, will leave in March 1994. Brian Matcham, chief executive of the North West Arts Board, also resigned.

Nurse shortage fears

The number of student nurses is in "spiralling decline" putting patients at risk, the Royal College of Nursing warned yesterday. Numbers of young people entering nursing have fallen by 35 per cent since 1983 and are set to drop a further 20 per cent next year under government plans, an RCN report claims.

GCHQ union ban stays

John Major yesterday refused to lift the Government's ban on trade unions at its GCHQ intelligence centre but he offered union leaders further talks on proposals to resolve the dispute. Mr Major told them that he was not hostile to trade unions but there was a conflict of loyalties between working at GCHQ and being a union member.

Hostage claim rejected

Six Gulf War hostages suing British Airways for flying them into a war zone had their case rejected by the Court of Session in Edinburgh yesterday. The court ruled that they could not claim damages for shock and mental distress.

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OPEN LETTER TO EDITORS

I am taking this unusual step of writing to you directly in the hope of stopping your reporters and photographers from destroying that part of my life that I am entitled to regard as private and, more importantly, Sophie's life. We are not planning to get married - we only met each other in the last few months - but we are good friends. If this situation changes we will let you know in a proper and formal manner. I am very conscious that other members of my immediate family have been subjected to similar attention and it has not been at all beneficial to their relationships, therefore please will you call an end to your harassment of both Sophie and me and allow us to try to carry on our lives as normal. It is you who have the power to grant us this. Please will you consider our case seriously, especially as it is Christmas and the season of goodwill.

EDWARD WINDSOR

The open letter sent by Prince Edward to newspaper editors

Prince's appeal to media for privacy

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of *déjà vu* when Miss Rhys-Jones ran the gauntlet of the waiting media for the first time yesterday, braving countless lenses on a 50-yard walk from her central London office to a dark red BMW car waiting to transport her to a Christmas lunch with her colleagues.

Wearing a short skirt, cream jacket and a new bob haircut, she declined to answer reporters' shouted questions, threw a slight, shy smile, and immediately reminded everyone of 1980, when another woman bearing a remarkable facial resemblance to Miss Rhys-Jones was said to be nothing more than good friends with the Prince of Wales.

Writing in the *News of the World*, Andrew Morton, the royal author, forecast that the Prince and Miss Rhys-Jones would announce their engagement on March 30, the Prince's 30th birthday. The couple are reported to have met during the summer. Her parents live in a £200,000 Victorian farmhouse in the village of Brenchley, near Tunbridge Wells, Kent, where she grew up. She was a day girl at the £1,500-a-term Kent College for Girls in Pembury. She is a keen sportswoman, loving skiing and sailing. At 18 she left her village and and attended a secretarial college in London before entering the world of showbusiness and promotional work. Miss Rhys-Jones, who lives in a flat in an Edwardian villa in West Kensington, worked for Capital Radio up until four years ago, when she took a year out to travel around Australia. At the end of 1991 she started work for Macmillan until last May when she left to go to Maclaurin Communications and Media.

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'It started as an exercise to see if it could be done, to see if I could get away with it'

Murderer preyed on gay community to achieve notoriety

BY RICHARD DUCE

COLIN Ireland, the serial killer who terrorised London's gay community with his campaign of torture and murder, planned his five attacks in meticulous detail, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Ireland, 39, who began five life sentences for murder last night, believed that to be classed as a serial killer he needed at least four victims and he decided to attack the vulnerable group of homosexual men who indulged in sado-masochistic sex.

He made every attempt to ensure that the police would have no clues to track him down, John Nutting, for the prosecution, told the court.

Ireland used handcuffs and nylon cord, bought at different shops, in his murders. He always wore different clothes and shoes, later destroyed, and ensured his pockets had nothing in them that could identify him.

He wiped surfaces to remove any fingerprints and took with him any crockery he had handled, disposing of it on his rail journey home to Southend in Essex.

Ireland, unemployed, financed his murders by taking credit cards from his victims and then torturing them for the personal identification numbers. He later ripped up the cards and threw them down street drains.

He would leave his victims' homes at a time when he could mingle unnoticed on the streets and make his way to Fenchurch Street station to catch a train home.

Yet Ireland made two mistakes that were to lead to his arrest. The first followed the murder of his fifth victim, Emanuel Spiteri, with whom he was filmed on a closed circuit camera at Charing Cross station. In an attempt to lead police away from him as a suspect, after the picture was relased, he went to his solicitor and admitted being with Mr Spiteri but claimed he had not gone into his home. Police later took his fingerprints and they matched a solitary print left at the home of his fourth victim, Andrew Collier.

Ireland, a burly 6ft 2in, sought out all his victims at the Coleherne public house, a gay venue in west London.

After the murder of his first victim Peter Walker at his flat in Battersea, Ireland anonymously telephoned *The Sun* and said: "It was my new year's resolution to kill a human being."

His next four victims were all killed between the end of May and the middle of June, after each had taken Ireland back to their homes for sex.

After Mr Collier was murdered, Ireland telephoned police on June 12 and said: "If you don't stop me, it will be one a week. It started as an exercise to see if it could be done, to see if I could get away with it." In a second anonymous call to police, he said: "I have always dreamed of doing the perfect murder." That

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night Ireland, who later told police he had obtained no sexual gratification during the murders, went on to kill Mr Spiteri.

Mr Nutting told the court yesterday how each of the five men was strangled.

Mr Walker, a theatre director, was a regular customer at the Coleherne, where, on March 8, he had met Walker. Ireland had hidden a cord, a knife, a pair of gloves and a change of clothing in his rucksack. Mr Walker had asked the defendant to beat him and Ireland agreed.

Ireland then put a plastic bag over Mr Walker's head, and restricted his breathing until he died.

The second victim, Christopher Dunn, a librarian, was also a regular at the Coleherne. Ireland went to the pub on May 28 and returned with Mr Dunn to his home. Ireland had with him a lock-knife, cord, handcuffs and gloves. When Mr Dunn was naked, Ireland told him to lie face down, handcuffed him to the bed and tied his feet to another part of the bed.

Ireland then tortured him to obtain the PIN of his bank cashcard.

Mr Nutting said the third victim, Perry Bradley, was an American businessman living in Kensington, who kept quiet his homosexual tendencies, but was a regular at the Coleherne.

Back at Mr Bradley's flat Ireland handcuffed him, placed a noose around his neck and demanded his credit cards and PIN. This time, Ireland allowed his victim, still bound, to go to sleep. He later told police: "I sat there in the room and thought about it and at one point I was thinking of letting him go. Then I thought, 'It's easier to kill him'. I walked round and just pulled the noose."

Mr Nutting said the fourth victim Andrew Collier was a warden at sheltered housing for old people in north London. He frequented the Coleherne, where he met Ireland in June.

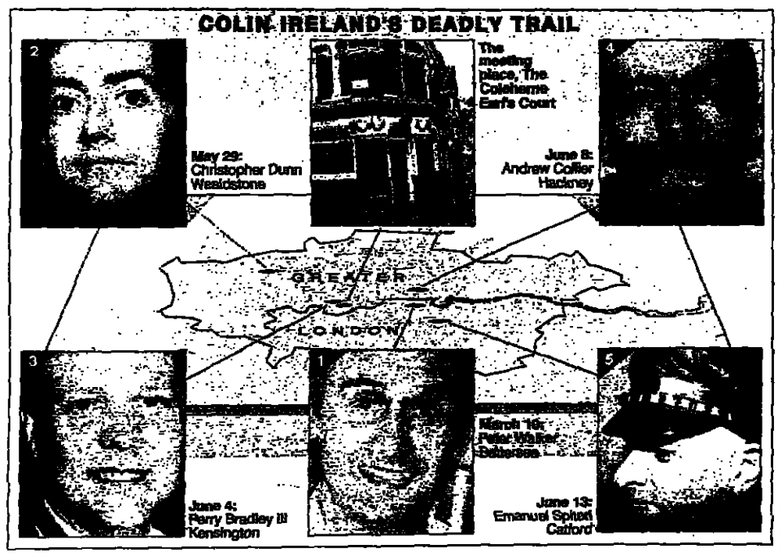
At one stage a noise in the street prompted both men to go to the window and this was when Ireland left the incriminating fingerprint on the window.

He handcuffed Mr Collier's hands behind his back and tied both feet to the bed so his legs were spreadeagled.

Mr Collier began struggling and Ireland strangled him quickly. Afterwards, he went through his papers and became angry when he discovered that Mr Collier was HIV positive. Because Mr Collier said he was fond of his cat, Ireland then broke the animal's neck. The fifth victim, Mr Spiteri, 42, met Ireland as they left the Coleherne. They went back to Mr Spiteri's home in southeast london where he was handcuffed and then strangled with a noose after refusing to disclose his bank PIN.



Colin Ireland, a frustrated dreamer turned serial killer with five victims



Bondage and beatings link men in a twilight world

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND RICHARD FORD

AT FIRST glance, Ireland's five victims had nothing in common. They included a theatre director, a wealthy businessman who was the son of an American congressman and a careworker from one of London's deprived areas.

One thing united them. They frequented the Coleherne public house in Brompton Road, west London, a favourite spot for leather-clad homosexuals "cruising" for pick-ups who share a desire for bondage, beatings and whipping.

It is a twilight world far removed from Soho, the fashionable gay district. Ireland's activities had a limited impact on Soho's gay bars and cafes, but triggered alarm and fear in the gay sado-masochism world.

The fear was heightened in a community that often felt itself under siege from a hostile world. Police posters on the walls of gay pubs appealed for information, others urged homosexuals to tell friends the names of their partners.

Between March and June, Ireland stalked the Coleherne, picking up men who invited him to their homes for sex. His first victim was Peter Walker, a respected West End theatre director. Mr Walker, 45, had credits as a choreographer, including Tim Rice's *Chess* and the Paul Nicholas production of *Pirates of Penzance*. He was assistant director on the *City of Angels* musical when he was murdered at his Battersea flat in March. Mr Walker, who was HIV positive, was found naked under a duvet.

Peter Thompson, a theatre publicist who worked with Mr Walker, said: "Peter was a nice kind and gentle person. He was a very talented director with a good future ahead of him. Everyone who worked

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with him liked him very much."

Ireland's next victim was Christopher Dunn, 37, whose body was discovered by a friend on May 30 at his home in Wealdstone, north London. Mr Dunn, who worked at Harlesden library, was described by neighbours as a pleasant and quiet man who dressed smartly and took pride in his appearance.

Like many homosexuals, he led a double life. His parents and family friends regarded him as a shy bachelor. But at night he donned leather clothes and visited gay bars.

Perry Bradley III, 35, was the son of a leading US Democrat congressman. A Texan, he was a successful businessman and lived in a luxury flat in Kensington. He was the European head of JB Weld Company, which manufactured glues. His family and his friends did not know he was gay.

The fourth victim, Andrew Collier, 33, lived alone in a flat at sheltered accommodation for the over-sixties at Dalston, northeast London. Mr Collier was a care worker, ran errands for many of the residents and carried out maintenance work.

While he never discussed his homosexuality, few people were surprised. "People guessed," said one former colleague. Mr Collier was HIV positive.

Ireland's last victim was Emanuel Spiteri, 41, a Maltese chef, who lived in a bedsit in Catford, southeast London. Spiteri was a regular at the Coleherne and other heavy-leather gay bars. Like the other victims, Spiteri enjoyed "cruising".

Ireland's killings tested police efforts to build trust with London's homosexual community. But police and the gay community did co-operate.

Drifter's final throw in lifetime of failure

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

FIVE men died because Colin Ireland, an unemployed drifter, wanted to make his mark in life. Police believe the maelstrom of passions that turned the 39-year-old dreamer into a serial killer included the simple desire of a nobody to become a somebody.

Late last year, after two broken marriages and a string of convictions, Ireland was approaching middle age when he lost the one job he had enjoyed and valued. Angry and increasingly fatalistic, he made a new year resolution to kill, bringing to the task the care and skill he used as a survivalist.

It was the final throw in a life of failure. Ireland was born the illegitimate son of a newsagent's assistant in Dartford, Kent, in 1954. He grew up with his mother and grandparents and, although an ordinary boy, was viewed as a loner. He told police he had been bullied as a child and said: "I was a thin, lanky little runt — always getting the worst of it." In his teens, he drifted into crime and was convicted of burglary, theft and blackmail. He spent two periods in Borstal. He went to France to join the Foreign Legion but was rejected. He also worked as a volunteer fireman. The "runt" was now 6ft 2in, weighed 15 stone and had developed a taste for military clothing.

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Ireland was a restaurant chef when, at 27, he married his first wife Ginny, who was 34 and had been paralysed from the waist down by a hit-and-run driver. The marriage failed, as did a second one in his mid-thirties.

Ireland pitched up in Southend, living in a succession of lodgings. He kept a tent and rucksack and camped in the Essex marshes, using survival techniques. After becoming a volunteer at a night shelter, he was promoted to deputy manager.

Richard Higgs, his manager, said: "He was very popular with all the guests, all the homeless people. He had a lot in common with them so he was able to communicate with them. There were lots of social gatherings and it was a really happy environment."

There were signs of violence, however. Jo Loh, a former girl friend, said: "I didn't know from one moment to the next what mood he would be in. He could swing from being nice to being very nasty." He talked to her of fantasies about killing people and frightened her off when he broke her former boy friend's finger.

Claims that he manhandled a guest led to pressure on him at the nightshelter. He resigned last December and moved to an adult training centre. "He found himself breaking up wooden pallets. It was very demeaning," Mr Higgs said. "He was troubled, frustrated, and didn't know what to do with his life."

Ireland became obsessed with eating fresh food and would drink only bottled spa water. He became interested in a prophecy that the end of the world was near and embarked on his killing campaign. Police believe he preyed on homosexuals because he believed that no one would talk.

After his arrest he said: "I think there was a general dislike of people in me. It was building up in me — a general dislike of people. It just went over the top — just a rapid deterioration speeded up. I cannot explain it any other way."

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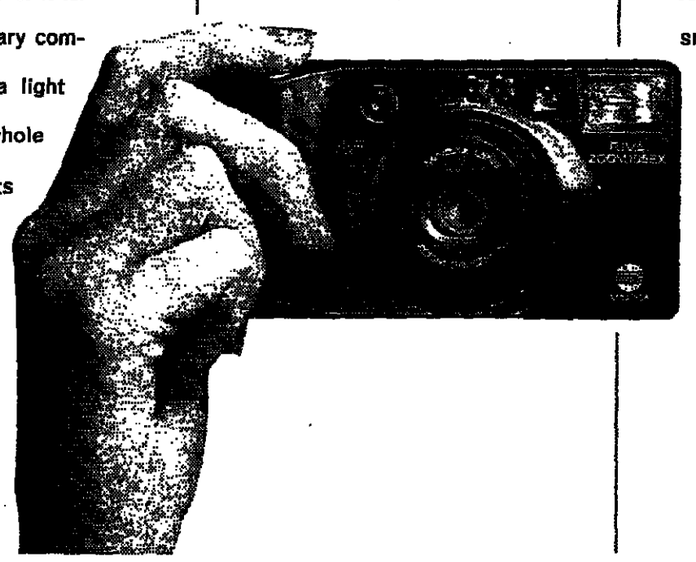
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Jeweller freed after killing burglar may still face charges

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE jeweller who killed a burglar during a struggle at his parents' home was at a secret address yesterday as police sought advice from the Crown Prosecution Service as to whether he should face charges.

Dean Davis, 33, used his own knife to stab Patrick Halcrow, a 44-year-old father of six with a 20-year record of theft, deception and burglary, after confronting him in the hall of the bungalow at Wickford, Essex.

Police who questioned Mr Davis and released him without charge are now preparing files for the CPS. Officers said the enquiry was continuing and appealed for a third man, believed to be at the house during the struggle on Saturday, to come forward.

Mr Davis, who is suffering from shock and a cut to his wrist, visited his parents David, 66, and June, 63, every day. He had gone to their home, after dropping them off at a church dance, to take wall measurements for a hi-fi system which he was planning as a surprise Christmas present for them.

When he opened the front door with his own key, he was confronted by Mr Halcrow, who was wearing a ski-mask and carrying a pick-axe handle, a sheath knife and a canister of CS gas.

Mr Davis, who was sprayed in the face with the gas, stabbed Mr Halcrow with a 4in blade. Mr Halcrow, from Aveley, Essex, was taken to Basildon General Hopsital but was found to be dead.

Det Supt Graham Furnival, of Essex police, explained why he decided to release Mr Davis without charge.

"I took a decision that the circumstances of the case did not warrant a charge at the time. I decided that Mr Davis acted in self-defence. However, we are preparing a set of case papers and will forward them to the CPS to see if it is in the public interest to charge Mr Davis."

A spokeswoman for the CPS said: "We only become involved if and when the police ask us to. It is up to the police to decide if they wish to make a charge, but they can seek our advice at any stage during their enquiries."

In a statement issued through Bruce Simpson, his solicitor, Mr Davis said he was "extremely shocked and distressed" by the last 48 hours.

The statement said: "Whilst he regrets the death of Mr Halcrow, he believes he is fortunate to be alive because he has learnt from the police who interviewed him that the intruder in his parents' bungalow was armed with a cosh, a CS gas spray cannister, a cold chisel and a commando knife and he acted in the way he did to preserve his own life, which he believed to be threatened by the burglar."

Mr Davis, who is receiving counselling for trauma, was "aware that the case is continuing in that police enquiries are not yet complete and that when they are the whole file will be submitted to the CPS and coroner."

Police confirmed that a chisel was found on Mr Halcrow's body.

Mr Davis, who is not married, runs a jewellery repair shop in the centre of Wickford. A notice in the shop window said: "Closed due to illness."

Mike Shead, 43, a financial adviser who lives near by, said that neighbours were shocked by the killing.

"You would never have expected Dean to tackle this man. He seems so quiet. But if you are attacked in your own home, you'd obviously want to protect yourself. I think we would all have done what he did."

Detective jailed for death of two in motorbike crash

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN UNDERCOVER detective whose dangerous driving killed two men on a stolen police motorcycle was jailed for nine months yesterday.

Robert Wallington tried to stop the motorcycle by positioning his unmarked police car in its path, but he misjudged its speed and it crashed into him. The deaths of the rider Shaun Star, 37, and his passenger Keith Buck, 18, led to three nights of rioting on the Hartcliffe estate in Bristol.

Winchester Crown Court was told that the motorbike was travelling at speeds of up to 100mph. Wallington, 37, denied causing death by dangerous driving on July 16 last year. The jury convicted him by a 10-2 majority.

Wallington told the court that he had moved across the road, flashing his headlights and "creeping" along. His aim was to stop and arrest the two men. He was horrified to see the rider take a long look over his shoulder and realised that he could not stop.

When the verdict was announced cries of "yes" came from the public gallery.

Mr Justice Ognall criticised the regional crime squad, whose search for the stolen police motorcycle had been prompted by "wounded pride". He said the squad did not want to be further humiliated by seeking the help of uniformed traffic officers.

The judge accepted that Wallington, a Salvationist, had been an excellent policeman, that there was a misjudgment of the motorcycle speed and that perhaps excessive zeal had caused a hasty decision.

Wallington was also banned from driving for two years.

Snow white Christmas is strictly on the cards

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

ALTHOUGH bookmakers have cut the odds on a white Christmas, it will remain firmly on greetings cards for most people. Forecasters say any snow that does fall will be little more than a passing flurry and not enough for children to test drive their new sledges.

William Hill yesterday reduced their odds on snow falling on the day from 6-1 to 3-1. They still stand to pay out about £100,000 from gamblers as far apart as Plymouth and Norwich.

The Norwich punters are best placed as they have a 60 per cent chance of some snow falling on Christmas Eve and a 50 per cent possibility on Christmas Day.

Even in Scotland, projected weather patterns bringing in warming low cloud from the Atlantic threaten a miserable time for skiers.

For motorists, Father Christmas has emerged in the form of Robert Key, the roads minister, who has promised to remove hundreds of thousands of cones to provide trouble free motoring.

He has announced a free telephone number, 072-276 3000, for complaints if motorists believe their journey has been delayed by unnecessary cones. Callers will receive sympathy and in some cases action, but there will be no refunds.

Mr Key said: "There is nothing more frustrating than endless roads of cones without anything apparently happening."

However, the simple message for those who do not have a car is: stay at home. Throughout the land, British Rail effectively stops operating on Christmas Eve. No InterCity trains will run on Christmas Day or Sunday December 26, apart from a half hourly service on the Gatwick Express line from Victoria station in London.

On Thursday and Friday December 23 and 24, only customers holding seat reservations or one of a limited number of boarding cards issued on the day will be able to travel in standard accommodation on the busiest trains from London to the North West and North East, to Scotland and to the west of England.

This will also apply to Anglo-Scottish services leaving Kings Cross between 0800 and 1400 hours on the December 28, 29 and 30.

On Network SouthEast, services on Christmas Eve will close down early and passengers are advised to complete their journeys by 2130. On New Year's Day there will be a limited service.

Depleted services will run on BR's regional network between Monday December 27 and January 1. Travellers are advised to check with local stations.

Over the next few days, more than a million people will fly from from Heathrow and Gatwick airports to spend their holidays in the sun. Other favourite short break destinations are Paris, New York and Ireland.

Passengers are being asked to leave Christmas presents unwrapped and to avoid packing Christmas crackers in hand luggage.

In York, Ian Webb, landlord of the flooded Kings Arms, fished from his pub window after the River Ouse burst its banks.

PETER TRIEVNOR



Travellers at Heathrow Airport prepare to join the Christmas holiday exodus

NEWS IN BRIEF

Boy dies in accident with blind

James Welsh, 9, died after becoming entangled in the cord of a Venetian blind at his home in Pollok, Glasgow, while his family enjoyed a party in the next room.

The boy was playing alone on Sunday when he fell off a window ledge. He was found by his mother.

Attempts to revive him failed and he died soon after being admitted to hospital.

Cocaine case

Three men of Italian descent accused of importing cocaine worth £1.5 million had their case adjourned by Bootle magistrates yesterday. Court officials and customs interpreters could not understand their heavy Sicilian accents.

Murder charge

Te Rangimaria Ngarimu, 27, from New Zealand, was committed for trial by Hampstead magistrates yesterday. She is charged with the murder of Graeme Woodhatch, a patient at the Royal Free Hospital in north London, in May 1992.

Tree plan axed

The planned hole for a Christmas tree in Stamford, Lincolnshire, cannot be dug until next year because of a delay in getting the necessary approval. The 30ft tree was to have stood in the high street, but tenders to erect it came back too late.

Free shopping

Shoppers who paid for groceries by cheque at a store in Chichester, Sussex, will not be charged after a fire destroyed the tills and all evidence of their purchases.

Nickell remand

Colin Stagg, 30, accused of murdering Rachel Nickell on Wimbledon Common in July 1992, was remanded in custody by magistrates yesterday.

Roofer survives

A roofer survived a 60ft fall from the top of a block of flats while working in Kennington, south London, yesterday.

Skeleton found

The remains of a man who vanished 13 months ago have been found in Warwickshire.

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Crossword contest dates set

KNOCKANDO PURE SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

THE *Times* Crossword Championship for 1994 will again be held in association with Knockando pure single malt Scotch whisky. The qualifier puzzle, which competitors must solve to enter the championship, will appear on Thursday, January 20.

The eliminator puzzle, if it proves necessary to reduce the number of entrants for London and Bristol, will appear on Thursday, February 17.

Regional finals will be: Leeds, Queens Hotel, March 6; Glasgow, Stakis Grosvenor, April 10; Bristol, Hilton Hotel, April 24; London A and B, Hyatt Carlton Tower, May 14 and May 15; Birmingham, Grand Hotel, June 12; national final, Hyatt Carlton Tower, September 11.

The reigning champion is Dr Peter Mayo, 49, a senior lecturer in Russian and Slavonic studies at Sheffield University. He solved each of the four puzzles in the final this September in an average of 11 min 15 sec.

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Head of care home justifies joyrider's African odyssey

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE head of a children's home who sent a 17-year-old boy with a string of convictions for joyriding and car theft on an 80-day tour of Africa said yesterday that the trip was part of an "intensive therapeutic programme".

Brandon McNutt, who founded the home, Bryn Melyn, near Bala, Gwynedd, eight years ago, said: "We don't have to defend our therapy. It is working very well. I don't really mind which part of the world we use.

"We do not send people on holiday. We send them on highly intensive therapeutic programmes."

The boy was due to be sentenced last week for a long list of offences, but was still travelling abroad.

His African trip has taken him and a minder to Egypt, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It has included climbing Mount Sinai, visiting the Valley of the Kings and Tutankhamun's tomb by donkey, and watching wildlife in the Masai Mara game park.

The youth is receiving treatment at the home at a cost to Gloucestershire social services of £1,500-a-week. His companion, a 26-year-old man, has a qualification in youth work, although he is not a recognised social worker.

The boy's mother, who lives in Gloucester, said: "He never wanted to go to Africa in the first place. He hates it over there. He's been able to phone me several times and he wants to come home."

The boy has been before Gloucester youth court frequently this year. Gloucestershire County Council defended its decision to use the home, which has treated three of the county's previous difficult cases. Only one of them reoffended, compared with a national recidivism rate of 80 per cent from prison or secure accommodation, according to the council.

In September, social workers and probation officers agreed to send the youth to the north Wales home and the court was asked for a lengthy adjournment so that he could go abroad as part of his therapy.

The hearing to sentence him was set for December 15, the same day that the Duchess of York visited the home and expressed her support for its philosophy "that everybody can change".

However, two days earlier, the court had been told that the boy was still abroad. His case has been adjourned until January 12. He is due back before Christmas.

The Bryn Melyn centre said its philosophy was "modelled on a psychotherapeutic method called Cathexis theory adapted from Transactional Analysis".

For 13 weeks, a child is in the care of a guide who acts as a parent substitute. In the later stages, the work is "highly confrontative", can be extremely uncomfortable and there is a tendency for the children to run away. Being abroad can help to prevent the children from vanishing because they are in an unfamiliar place.

They have been taken from Bryn Melyn to Israel, Ireland, Greece, Portugal and the Pyrenees. Bala Town Council has campaigned against it.

The county council, which has a Liberal Democrat majority, said secure accommodation costs £2,000-a-week. John Standing, the Conservative social services spokesman on the council, said yesterday: "We may look like we are being wet nellies, but if it works it will save public money in the long run."

Ex-nurse admits sex attacks

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A FORMER psychiatric nursing assistant who was jailed for life in 1990 for kidnapping Jo [illegible], the murdered Doncaster schoolgirl, and the attempted abduction of two female patients

Michael Fox pleaded guilty after church services to provide a mental hospital to abduct them to Ferndale before raping or sexually abusing them. Winchester Crown Court was told that he was finally arrested after 20 years as he approached a mentally ill woman in Bridport, Dorset.

Fox, 30, of Chard, Somerset, Dorset, admitted four counts of kidnapping, three counts of false imprisonment and one of attempted kidnap. Nine other offences, including three kidnaps, three indecent assaults, two kidnaps, two indecent assaults and one attempted rape, were considered.

Earlier this year, a jury at Cardiff Crown Court found there was insufficient evidence against Fox for the murder of Miss Rarsden, 21, who was abducted from her home in Bridport, Dorset in 1990. Her body was found in woodland on the border between Dorset and Devon in March last year.

At the Cardiff hearing, which denied kidnapping her, the judge ruled the evidence should lie on the file. He ordered that Fox remain in Broadmoor Hospital for further psychiatric assessment before sentencing in February.

David Eifer QC, for the prosecution said that some of the offences happened after Fox was sent to the large mental hospital where he worked. For once [illegible] Herrison Hospital in Dorset closed down.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

PCA qualifier begins

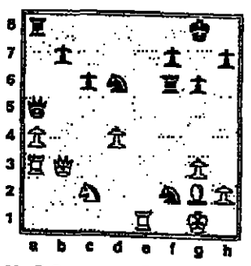
Grandmaster Vishy Anand from India justified his top seeding in round one of the PCA World Championship Qualifier in Groningen by winning a smooth game against the Norwegian grandmaster Simen Agdestein. Agdestein's handling of the opening was passive and by move 17 Anand had built up a substantial initiative. Black's key breakthrough came on move 28 and when White blundered on move 40, his position was already beyond repair.

White: Simen Agdestein
Black: Vishy Anand
PCA Qualifier, Groningen

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20	Bc4	Nd8
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22	Nc2	Rd4
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26	Bf1	Nc3
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28	Bg2	Nxf2

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White resigns

Other important results from the first round were the wins by Kramnik (Russia) against Ribli (Hungary). Shirov (Latvia) against Sokolov (Bosnia) and Piket (Holland) against Hodgson (UK). Britain's main hope for qualifying, grandmaster Michael Adams from Truro, drew his opening game against the Russian grandmaster Vladimir Tukmakov.

Pairings: round two

Pairings for the second round pit Anand against Tiviakov (Russia), Kramnik against Benjamin (USA), Shirov against Azmaiparashvili (Georgia), Adams against Akopian (Armenia) and Hodgson against Zsuzsa Polgar (Hungary).

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Boy dies in accident with blind

James Welsh died after becoming entangled in the cord of a Venetian blind at his home in Pollok, Glasgow, while his family enjoyed a party in the next room.

The boy was playing alone on Sunday when he fell off a wall and knocked himself out. He was found by his mother.

Attempts to revive him failed and he died soon after being admitted to hospital.

Cocaine case

Three men, an Italian designer, a computer consultant and a businessman had their case against Bromley Court officials and police interpreter dismissed because of misunderstandings in their Scottish accent.

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Notorious paramilitaries among republicans and Loyalists are granted a week's parole

Bombers and gunmen gain freedom for Christmas

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SOME of the IRA's most notorious paramilitaries, including those serving life sentences for sectarian murders, will be released from Northern Ireland's three prisons tomorrow on a week's Christmas parole.

They will be free to travel unescorted throughout the province but must carry a licence, which explains they are on parole, and report back by December 30.

Sinn Fein's "prisoner of war" department said yesterday that 60 IRA prisoners had qualified for Christmas parole, 50 of them serving life sentences. At the end of the parole, leaders of Sinn Fein and the IRA will gauge the prisoners' reaction to the Downing Street declaration.

One IRA man who will enjoy his first Christmas with his family since being sentenced is Brendan "Bic" McFarlane, who orchestrated the 1981 hunger strike and led the escape by 38 IRA inmates in 1983.

He was given five life sentences in 1976, with a minimum term of 25 years, for his part in the bombing of a Loyalist bar on the Shankill Road in August 1975. Two women and three men were killed in the attack.

He became a folk hero in the republican movement in 1983 when he engineered the breakout from the Maze prison. The security forces took nearly three years to recapture him. He was tracked down to a flat in Amsterdam with two other escapers, and after lengthy extradition disputes was sentenced in 1988 to five years for escaping.

One of the prisoners who joined the first hunger strike in 1980 will also be released tomorrow. Raymond McCartney was given two life sentences for his part in the murders in 1977 of Jeffrey Agate, an industrialist, and Patrick McNulty, an RUC Special Branch officer.

Robert "Basher" Bates, a Loyalist, will be freed for Christmas. He was sentenced in 1979 to 14 life sentences for his part in the gang known as the "Shankill butchers". They killed 17 people using knives, meat cleavers and hatchets. At his trial, the judge recommended that he should never be released.

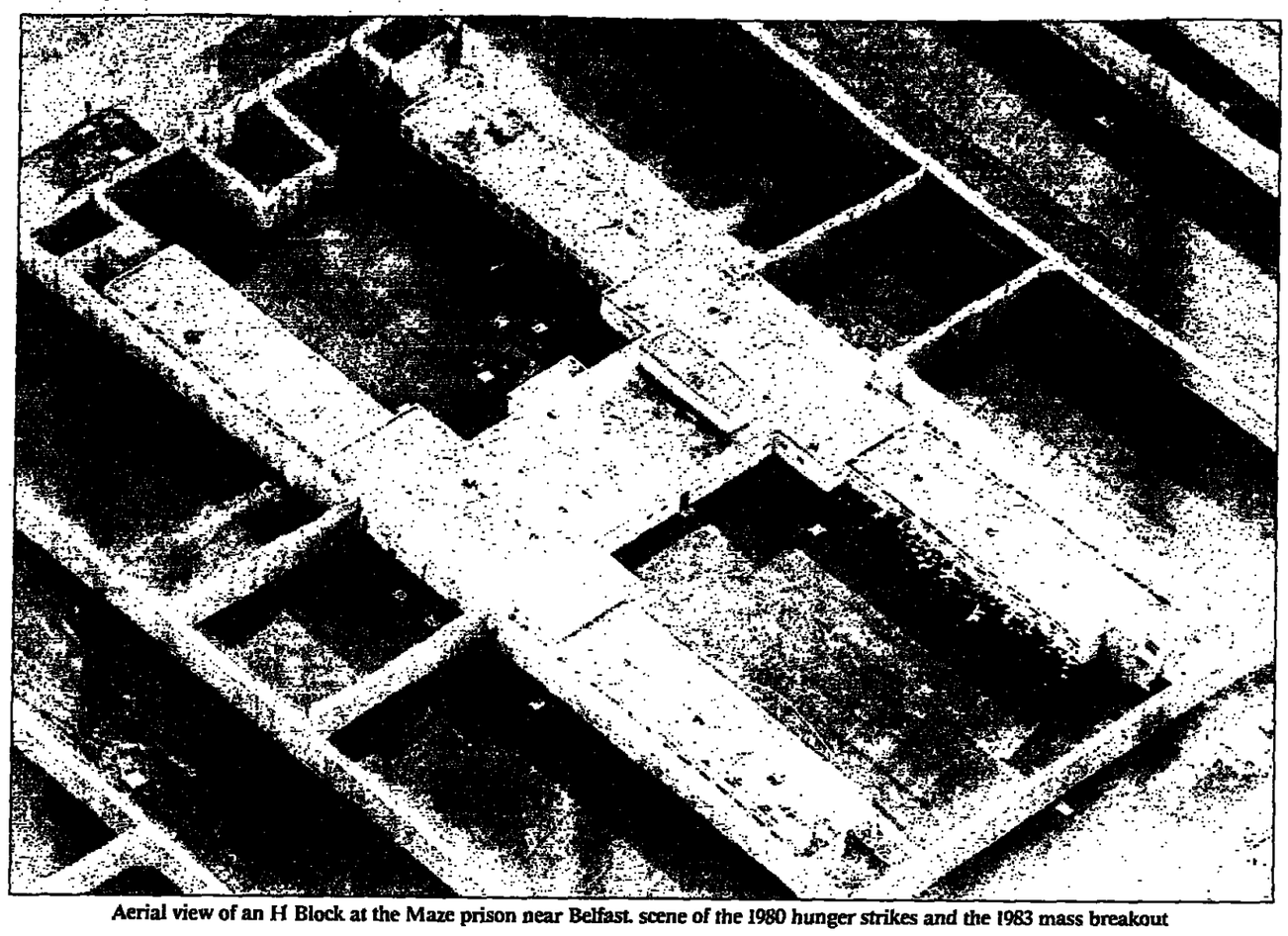
The Christmas parole highlights the way in which prisoners in Northern Ireland are treated. The Government consistently denies that they are political prisoners but at the Maze inmates are segregated on sectarian lines, they can wear their own clothes and they do not have to work.

They can apply for a week's home leave at Christmas and in the summer if they have served more than 11 years of a life sentence or if they are in the last year of a fixed sentence. Parole for lifers was introduced five years ago and since then no prisoner has reoffended during home leave.

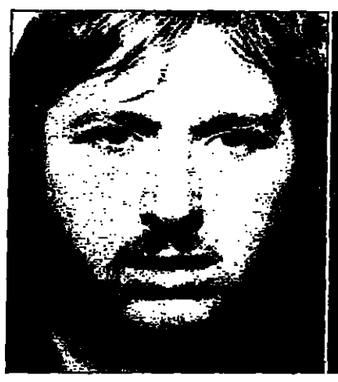
This year, 440 prisoners will receive leave. The Northern Ireland Office said yesterday that 100 of those were serving life sentences: 50 republicans, 40 Loyalists and ten "ordinary criminals". The inmates serving fixed sentences are about 29 per cent republicans, 22 per cent Loyalists and 49 per cent non-paramilitaries.

At the Maze, paramilitary prisoners try to organise themselves on military lines. Danny Morrison, Sinn Fein's former director of publicity, is now the leading republican there. He delivered the definition of the republicans' goal when he said in 1981 that they would take power in Ireland "with an armalite in one hand and a ballot paper in the other".

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Aerial view of an H Block at the Maze prison near Belfast, scene of the 1980 hunger strikes and the 1983 mass breakout



Robert 'Basher' Bates: a member of the Loyalist gang known as the Shankill Butchers. He was given 14 life sentences for his part in 17 brutal murders.



Bobby Storey: Sentenced to life in 1981 for possession of weapons, he was among 38 IRA men who fled the Maze in 1983 after a warder was killed.



Brendan 'Bic' McFarlane: He orchestrated the 1981 hunger strike and led the Maze mass escape in 1983. Recaptured three years later in Amsterdam.



Raymond McCartney: Given two life terms in 1977 for part in murders of Geoff Agate, an executive of the Du Pont company, and of an RUC officer.

Terrorists expect a festive treat

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

INSIDE Parkhurst prison, four of the most ruthless IRA men will spend Christmas in a security block built to hold high-risk prisoners whose escape would endanger the public and embarrass the Government.

Paul 'Dingus' Magee, Gerard McDonnell, Patrick McLaughlin and Gilbert MacNamee share their life with four non-terrorist prisoners.

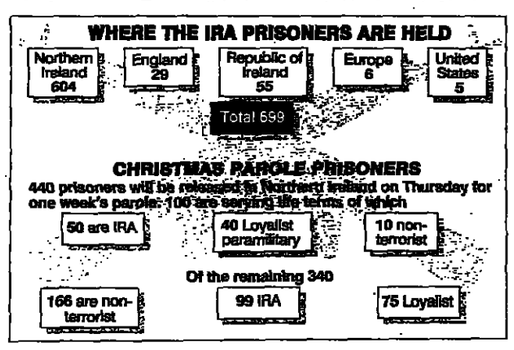
Surrounded by special security fencing, video cameras and guarded by 13 prison officers, the men live in a relaxed regime in which they have their own workshop, gym and word processor. Magee and McLaughlin have become good artists, reproducing high-quality copies of Van Gogh's work in oil after studying his pictures in an art magazine.

They wear their own clothes, do their own cooking and washing but never leave the building apart from occasional trips to special areas to meet their families on visits.

On Christmas Day, the men will be able to cook their own turkey lunch in a kitchen that has two cookers and two fridge-freezers before watching television in a room furnished comfortably with armchairs and tables. Patrick McLaughlin, from Londonderry, serving life for conspiracy to cause explosions, cooks most of the meals and is likely to prepare the food.

In a control room outside the unit, a prison officer monitors a bank of 15 video cameras. A rogues' gallery of pictures emphasises that the inmates are high-risk Category A for whom escape should be impossible.

On the ground floor of the two-storey unit is the kitchen, a pool table and gym with punch bag and exercise bicycle. Their workshop has a lathe, woodwork bench and facilities for art.



No home leave for IRA prisoners in England

BY EDWARD GORMAN

REPUBLICAN prisoners in Britain include Patrick Magee, who planted the Brighton bomb in 1984 that killed five people and almost claimed the life of Margaret Thatcher.

They also include the Balcombe Street gang who caused mayhem for more than a year before being arrested after a six-day siege in London in 1975. There is Danny McNamee, who is thought to have made the Harrods bomb which killed six people in 1983, and a string of IRA "quartermasters" who imported weapons and explosives and helped the so-called active service units by setting up bomb factories or securing vehicles and safe houses.

According to Sinn Fein sources, there are 29 convicted IRA men and women in Britain. There are also a handful of other republican prisoners who have either dissociated themselves from the IRA or who are members of rival groups.

In nearly every case, judges have handed down life sentences with long recommendations of up to 35 years, making republican prisoners amongst the longest serving inmates in the prison population.

Partly because of the length of their sentences, none has so far qualified for home leave schemes, unlike their colleagues in Northern Ireland, serving under a more lenient regime.

Sinn Fein and republicans generally regard IRA prisoners in Britain as having sacrificed more than most in the cause of the armed struggle and insist that they should be transferred back to Northern Ireland, and then released well before their sentences are completed, as part of any peace agreement.

Last year, the government accepted in full the recommendations of a report by Lord Ferrers, a Home Office minister, proposing that obstacles to the transfer of terrorist prisoners back to the province be removed, but so far this has not been implemented. Sinn Fein claims this is because the Government wishes to use the transfer issue as part of any bargaining process leading to a ceasefire. This is denied by the Home Office, which says the delay is caused by outstanding legal reviews in two of the cases.

The prisoner with the longest sentence is probably Magee, from the New Lodge Road in Belfast, who was arrested in Glasgow almost a year after the Brighton bombing and is now serving a life sentence at Full Sutton prison, Humberside.

Arrested with him were two women, Martina Anderson and Ella O'Dwyer, who were jailed for life and 15 years respectively for their part in plotting with Magee a seaside resort bombing campaign that never materialised.

The four members of the Balcombe Street gang, Eddie Butler, Hugh Doherty, Harry Duggan and Joe O'Connell, all of whom are from the Irish Republic, were each charged with 25 terrorist offences associated with a succession of bombings and shootings.

After their arrest, they claimed responsibility for the Guildford and Woolwich pub bombings that killed seven people.

Ex-nurse admits sex attacks

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A FORMER psychiatric nursing assistant who was accused of kidnapping Jo Ramsden, the murdered Down's Syndrome sufferer, preyed on female patients.

Michael Fox picked them up after church services or outside a mental hospital and drove them to remote spots before raping or sexually abusing them, Winchester Crown Court was told. He was finally arrested after four years as he approached a mentally ill woman in Weymouth, Dorset.

Fox, 50, of Charminster, Dorset, admitted five charges of kidnapping, three of rape and one of attempted rape. Nine other offences, including three kidnaps, three attempted kidnaps, two indecent assaults and one attempted rape, were considered.

Earlier this year, a judge at Cardiff Crown Court ruled there was insufficient evidence against Fox for the kidnap of Miss Ramsden, 21, who was abducted from her home in Bridport, Dorset, in April 1991. Her body was discovered in woodland on the border between Dorset and Devon in March last year.

At the Cardiff hearing, Fox denied kidnapping her and the judge ruled the charge should lie on the file. Fox will remain in Broadmoor Hospital for further psychiatric assessment before sentence in February.

David Elfer QC, for the prosecution, said that some of the offences happened after a large mental hospital where Fox once worked, the Herrison Hospital in Dorchester, closed down.

Myth of 'new man' exploded

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

THE "new man" and his "superwoman" partner are largely fictitious, according to new research.

"The 'caring, sharing Nineties' is a myth, at least for women," said a spokeswoman for Mintel, the market analysts who produced the report, "Women 2000", to be published next month.

Mintel went in search of couples who divide cooking, food-shopping and laundry equally. The numbers made up 1 per cent of the sample.

"The figures show that women do the vast majority of domestic chores," said Angela Hughes, Mintel's consumer research manager. Couples under 34 and without children tend to be most likely to share tasks.

Women who marry with expectations that their husband will be diligent with housework are later likely to be disappointed. "Men seem to set out with good intentions to share the domestic chores," said Ms Hughes, "but the catalyst seems to be the arrival of children, which we found seems to trigger a shift in the workload. At this stage, the man appears to abdicate responsibility for his share regardless of whether his partner is working or not."

Many women are now in charge of household finances, "previously considered to be the male domain", Mintel claims. Nearly half the married or cohabiting women asked said they normally had responsibility for bills and budgeting, with 27 per cent sharing it equally and 2 per cent leaving it to their partners.

However, this scarcely constitutes radical change. Dr Ross McKibbin, an Oxford historian, says: "Overwhelmingly women did the budgeting. With bills it's less certain, but probably most women paid them."

The average age at which women marry for the first time continues to rise, now standing at 25.4 years. The birth of a first child is likeliest at 27.5 years, compared with 24 in 1971.

Boy guilty of killing legal clerk

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A TEENAGER was yesterday found guilty of the "cold-blooded" murder of a barrister's clerk.

The Old Bailey was told that Avie Andrews, 16, had been persuaded to give himself up to police by his father Barry, an actor who has appeared in the television crime programme *The Bill*. He will be sentenced today.

Amaranath Bandaratilleka, 32, known to his friends as Nath Banda, had been standing in a friend's corner shop in Hammersmith, west London, when he was ordered by a masked gunman to turn out his pockets. He had 26 pence.

The teenager, a well-spoken, smartly dressed student at Ealing College at the time, fired the sawn-off shotgun at close range, hitting his victim in the chest and stomach. Mr Bandaratilleka had been waiting for his friend to close the shop so he could join the family for dinner.

"It was cold-blooded murder," said Dorian Lovell-Pank QC, prosecuting. Mr Bandaratilleka died later.

Sam Perman, 18, who was present when the hold-up took place in February, was cleared of murder but found guilty of manslaughter. He will also be sentenced today.

Andrews admitted manslaughter, possession of a firearm with intent and robbery, charges which were denied by Perman. Both denied murder. They were both found guilty of possessing a firearm and robbery.

After hearing on television news that Mr Banda had died, Andrews had made a tearful confession to his sister who told her parents the next day. Mr Andrews challenged his son.

Mr Andrews told the court: "He went white and silent. I think not a lot was said for a few minutes. Then I asked if it was true because I had not heard it from his own lips."

After his son admitted being the gunman, Mr Andrews said he could not believe that he had done it deliberately. "It was an accident," the teenager told his father. "The gun went off as I turned to leave."

The father told the jury: "We were all in a dreadful emotional state." But he advised his son to tell the police. "Initially, he was reluctant but after we had talked about it he began to see that it was the only course to take."

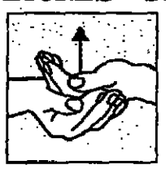
Mr Andrews told the jury: "It was an incredible moment ... so difficult to believe. It was not something I associated with him." Mr Andrews then took his son to Hammersmith police station.

Mr and Mrs Andrews had despaired of taming a boy who, the court was told, was determined to "run wild".

He began taking cannabis at the age of 12 and was addicted to heroin at 15. He sold bogus ecstasy drugs to pay for his habit and his smart clothes. He was the father of a five-month-old child.

Duchess hails charity's work with children

BY RUTH GLEDHILL



A LEADING charity yesterday appealed for increased public awareness of the plight of children who struggle to communicate. Afasic works to help youngsters who suffer from speech impediments.

The charity's patron, the Duchess of Gloucester, lent her support to its work. She said in a statement issued from Kensington Palace: "Since 1980, when I became patron of Afasic, I have had the opportunity to learn at close hand the fundamental importance of helping children overcome speech impairments.

"In a busy world, it is all too easy to notice the deficiencies in others and to assume that their handicap renders them unworthy of our attention.

"It takes a greater understanding to appreciate that these difficulties can be alleviated or even overcome by the appropriate help and training, thus enabling a child to realise his or her potential.

"Research shows that possibly one child in 20 has a language disorder and in serious cases this inability to communicate leads to intense frustration, which can manifest itself in severe behavioural problems.

"This year marks the 25th anniversary of the association and it is an opportunity to reflect on all that has been achieved. This is, however, only the beginning, and our hopes for the future rest on increasing public awareness and gaining extensive professional expertise."

Afasic needs support to provide therapy and training for children and young people throughout the UK. Many sufferers can overcome their difficulties fairly quickly if given the right help.

Speech impediments may be caused by complex neurological disorders and in some cases are genetically determined. Often, there are no other mental or physical disabilities involved. Up to 500,000 children will have a communication difficulty.

The charity cites the case of Simon Wyke, 18, who now attends a college in London. Until he was 12, he was unable to talk and was categorised as educationally sub-normal.

It was not until his father heard him humming a well-known tune and witnessed his joy when he added the words that the family suspected Simon might have the intellect but lack the means to communicate.

His father contacted Afasic, who advised him to have Simon reassessed. He was diagnosed as suffering from a severe receptive and expressive language disorder, which meant he could not pick out which noises meant what, or control his speech. He was sent to a school specialising in language disorders and has now learnt to talk, read, write and do basic mathematics.

The Times is appealing for donations to Afasic, which intends to raise funds for educational tools and for research into the condition. The charity runs a nationwide network of self-help groups and organises conferences, training and counselling.



Duchess: patron of the charity seeking support

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FROM JOANNA PIT

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His seven-party coalition, divided not only along party lines but riven also at its foundations with layers of internal party divisions, is looking as fragile as a piece of finest Imari porcelain with ominously multiplying hairline cracks.

The Diet dissolution threats were issued over the weekend by Ichiro Ozawa, who has effectively controlled the coalition ever since he precipitated its creation by splitting the Liberal Democratic Party last summer. Mr Ozawa is believed to be trying to shock a divided opposition LDP into co-operation over dealing with urgent Diet business.

Mr Hosokawa is looking decidedly bruised after his first four months in office. Every parliamentary matter he tackles is met with successful spoiling tactics

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Zhirinovsky lays bare his anguished Russian soul



Anne McElvoy, shouted at by an edgy and raging Vladimir Zhirinovsky, comes away alarmed and wondering if he really means what he says



Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the neo-Fascist leader, with aides during the campaign to help Saddam Hussein. "I like him as a person," he says

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The fourth-floor headquarters of the Liberal Democrats is situated in a ramshackle building. Visitors are greeted at a stall run by an out-of-work nuclear plant designer selling bikers' leather jackets and black T-shirts devoted to Motorhead and AC/DC. One of Mr Zhirinovsky's several iconoclastic constituencies is Moscow's heavy metal fans.

Inside the offices, helpers, petitioners and hangers-on mill around in a state of near-hysteria. Too many visitors have been invited at once and there are squabbles with the aide in charge of the interview list, and between the journalists themselves. There is a lot of pushing and shoving by the bodyguards who cannot resist the hands-on approach to public relations. "Get out", hissed one. "We know your sort of newspaper. You'll only write that he is a Fascist."



Yeltsin: reforms 'sold Russia to scavengers'

The chaos is not the result of an inexperienced politician biting off more than he can chew, but a calculated attempt to create a permanent air of drama around the leader of the extreme-right party whose success has dimmed prospects of radical reform continuing. Yesterday, however, Mr Zhirinovsky was not in the best of moods and had a distinctly hung-over edginess about him. But the exhausted, bloodshot eyes blaze as soon as he steps in front of an audience, however small.

"I am sick of questions so I am going to do the talking," he said, taking out a long pointer and positioning himself in front of a map of the world on which the former Soviet Union was etched, vast and vainglorious in violent brick red. "We must divide spheres of influence," he said, sweeping the pointer wildly across Asia as a leer spread across his face. "It is like two girls and two blokes," he elucidated. "The men have to decide which girl is theirs and then there are two couples, everything is friendly. Until they decide what belongs to whom, they will fight."

Much of his crude rhetoric appears to be delivered for shock-value, particularly in the presence of a Westerner. But his rage and sense of injury are real enough. "We must ask ourselves, who are we interested in good relations with? What does the West do for us? Westerners come here to buy up cheap resources, to conquer our markets, to pay us slave wages. The West takes everything from us: the material products of Russia and the brains of our people. That's enough of that."

Russia needs good relations, he said, but on a purely geographical basis: with Afghanistan, with Turkey, with Russia's southern rim and the Middle East, particularly Lebanon and Iraq. "Why should we care about Britain or what France thinks of us? Sort out you own problems, keep away from Russia."

He goes out of his way to compliment President Saddam Hussein, either, as his democrat enemies allege, because he is assisted by Iraq, or simply to annoy the West. "I like him as a person. Kuwait was to Iraq as Crimea is to Russia. Both should be back where they belong, like I said about the two blokes..."

Mr Zhirinovsky considers Western aid an insult. "You send us the clothes you don't want to wear and the food you don't want to eat." Mr Yeltsin's reforms have sold the country to "scavengers".

By now the hoarse voice had reached full volume. Rasping non sequiturs and xenophobic outbursts were interrupted with sudden barks of "*Vsyo!*" (enough) or "*Davai dalshe*" (get on with it). The rough charm he exhibited during his first post-election appearances last week had been discarded.

Neither was he in the mood for rational discourse. Asked how he views relations with the Nordic countries, he replied: "There will be festivals, festivals and only festivals". The question of which historical figures he admires is answered by: "For Russia, General Kutuzov; for France, de Gaulle; for Germany, Roosevelt." "He's American," interrupted an aide. "Well all right, Frederick the Great for Germany," continued Mr Zhirinovsky, unabashed.

The sentences pour out in torrents. One thought wanders off to metamorphose into another thought entirely, and you do wonder whether he might be mad. Plagued by complexes, he seems to identify his own deprived background in a dysfunctional Russian family on the fringe of the Soviet empire in Alma-Ata, with the sum woes to befall the Russian people. Effortlessly he taps into the dark areas in their soul, indulges the vengefulness articulated in the old curse: "I hope my neighbour's cow dies."

"We have suffered enough," he announced with chilling simplicity during the election. "It is time others suffered."

The speculation over Mr Zhirinovsky's ethnic background intensified last week when a member of the Shalom Jewish Cultural Group, which was formed in 1988 said that he had been an activist. But he frequently hurls insults at various Jewish figures in Russia, claiming that Gennadi Khazanov, a parodist who has dual citizenship with Israel, should be expelled from the country.

Yesterday Mr Zhirinovsky wrinkled his brow for some time before remembering that he had had contacts with Shalom in 1988. "I am a lawyer and I advised them on some things . . . I had contact with many national groups — Jews, Armenians, Ossetians. I needed the votes."

Improbable justifications spring readily to his lips. This one is doubly transparent since his Liberal Democratic Party was only founded in 1990, and its constituency never included ethnic minorities.

He formally denied that he was Jewish in nonsensical terms which only served to betray his obsession with the subject. "I've had several blood tests and there is no Jewish blood in me," he said, "not even 5 per cent."

The circumstances surrounding Mr Zhirinovsky's entry into politics and the founding of the Liberal Democrats' remain obscure. The timing of its registration, in the death-throes of Communism, together with its commitments to "de-ideologise" society while preserving the Soviet Union, led to the assumption that it was a KGB brainchild. Mr Zhirinovsky certainly enjoyed an unusual degree of tolerance from the security services at a time when they were less welcoming to the democratic movement in Russia.

There is circumstantial evidence of involvement with the secret police, but no outright proof. He was a student at a prestigious — and KGB-riddled — language institute, and worked as an interpreter in Turkey where, according to his account, he was suddenly elevated from a job in the Soviet Cultural Centre to the trade delegation without returning to Moscow for interview or vetting.

"I never worked for the KGB," Mr Zhirinovsky said stubbornly yesterday. "I might have got further if I had."

Russia's democrats, recovering from the shock of being trounced by the Liberal Democrats, fear that he has gone too far already and that he has the presidency he covets in his sights.

Yet despite the unavoidable comparisons between his background and Hitler's, between the state of Russia and the Weimar Republic, he can seem suddenly vulnerable and far from assured of his own success. By the standards of most dictators he is showing his paranoia and tendency to pessimism too early. Far more often than the "sweet lies" which Yegor Gaidar, the democratic leader, accused him of spreading, he is prone to hysterical outbursts about nuclear wars and wholesale destruction. He lambastes the democrats for destroying Russia but is boyishly proud of having talks with President Yeltsin about the workings of the new parliament.

The gangsterish entourage, the map of the world for pointing out areas to be conquered, and the crippled veteran dispensing literature "on a commercial basis", lend his set-up an air of the grotesque. At times he seems to be a parody of assorted dictators. But Russia's reality has always been hard to bear and the temptations of grandiose dreams are seductive. If the actor is skilled enough, and the audience willing to suspend its disbelief, the parody may be taken for the real thing.

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Japan coalition starts to totter

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

AS MEMBERS of Japan's ruling coalition government threatened to dissolve the Diet early next year to pave way for a general election, it became clear yesterday that crisis is looming for Morihiro Hosokawa, the Prime Minister.

His seven-party coalition, divided not only along party lines but riven also at its foundations with layers of internal party divisions, is looking as fragile as a piece of finest Imari porcelain with ominously multiplying hairline cracks.

The Diet dissolution threats were issued over the weekend by Ichiro Ozawa, who has effectively controlled the coalition ever since he precipitated its creation by splitting the Liberal Democratic Party last summer. Mr Ozawa is believed to be trying to shock a divided opposition LDP into co-operation over dealing with urgent Diet business.

Mr Hosokawa is looking decidedly bruised after his first four months in office. Every parliamentary matter he tackles is met with successful spoiling tactics by the LDP. Last week Mr Hosokawa was forced to admit that he will fail to achieve what he declared initially was his priority: the passage of sweeping political reforms by the end of the year. On Wednesday he won extra time in the form of a six-week extension of the Diet session, but success, even so, is still looking doubtful, given the LDP's appetite for dissent.

In opposition for the first time since its foundation in 1955, the LDP has at its fingertips the experience, the ability, and sometimes the inclination, to block any Diet business it cares to choose. For instance, Mr Hosokawa's announcement last week that Japan would accept a Gatt proposal to allow limited imports of rice, a decision that was unavoidable but one that will prove politically costly for him in terms of the rural vote, came only after the Prime Minister was subjected to painful intra-party bargaining games orchestrated largely by the LDP.

Joanna Pitman is co-author of The Times Guide to Japan *(Times Books: £8.99)*

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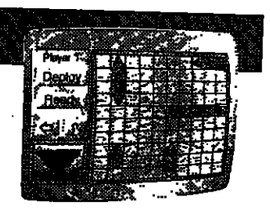
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Becker and her charges reach safety in Britain

REFUGEE RESCUE

BY KATE ALDERSON, TOM RHODES IN SPLIT AND JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

SIX wounded Bosnian children and one adult arrived in Britain yesterday with Sally Becker, the freelance aid worker hailed as the "Angel of Mostar".

As they were carried from the plane on arrival in Birmingham, seven ambulances were standing by with paramedic equipment and a translator ready to take the wounded to half a dozen hospitals in the Midlands. Other refugees and wounded were due to be flown to America and Spain. Some will remain in Italy.

The six were among up to 90 wounded adults and children who began arriving at Ancona, Italy, on Saturday on board UN C130 transport aircraft from Mostar, Zenica, Visoko and Kakanj as part of the Christmas relief effort organised by humanitarian agencies, the British government and Ms Becker.

Operation Angel was originally intended to fly out 22 children and adults from Mostar, but after weekend difficulties it eventually delivered just six children and one adult.

Senad Zukic, nine, has a bullet wound in the chest and was taken to Heartlands Hospital in Birmingham. Selim Zlomusic, 24, also has shell injuries in the chest and is being treated in the same hospital. Faruk Catisbusic, seven, suffering from a brain injury, was taken to the Midlands Centre for Neurosurgery and Neurology, Smethwick. Emina Omeric, three, has a twisted spine caused by a war wound and was taken to the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham. Amir Nefic, one, was taken to the Birmingham Children's Hospital, believed to be suffering from leukaemia.

Damir Karic, who is also a year old and is suffering from a brain complaint, was taken to a hospital in Coventry. Alen Handaric, also a year old and with congenital heart disease, was taken to Groby Road Hospital in Leicester. His father was left behind during the evacuation.

Doctors said they had carried out an emergency operation on Sunday night on Demic Amel, 12, the worst injured child. He underwent surgery in an Ancona hospital for complications from a shrapnel wound to the brain. Soon after landing in Italy he was moved to the intensive care unit.

Antonella Gesulfo, for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Rome, said that the Christmas spirit had been the decisive factor in the work of Operation Angel as Bosnian authorities cut through red tape to show seasonal good will.

Two British ministers arrived in Bosnia yesterday, a day after the successful evacuation of 90 Bosnians from the war zone. Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office Minister, and Jonathan Aitken, Minister for Defence Procurement, were accompanied to Vitez by Lieutenant General Michael Rose, commander of British land forces. They will visit the British contingent of the UN troops.

Becker outburst, page 1

New York: The Muslim-led government of Bosnia-Herzegovina said it would drop plans to sue Britain for complicity in genocide because of its opposition to lifting the United Nations arms embargo (James Bone writes). Yesterday it said it was "thankful for all that the British armed forces, non-governmental organisations and individuals are doing to promote humanitarian assistance".



A Bosnian Muslim and his son looking around the British United Nations base in Metkovic, Croatia, after their evacuation from Mostar by Spanish troops as part of Operation Angel. Twenty-two sick and wounded civilians initially left the town in the Christmas relief mission

Angel of Mostar's halo tarnished by critics

FROM TOM RHODES

FREELANCE AID

IT WAS a mixed reception that greeted Sally Becker, the British aid worker, on her return to Britain.

Her supporters, quite rightly, applaud the bravery which has saved the lives of a large number of wounded Bosnians and their families. However, others continued to question not merely the motives of the Angel of Mostar, but of the plethora of private individuals who append themselves to the banner of humanitarian aid.

Ms Becker is one of a number, including Bianca Jagger and Barbara Bush who have, either by their actions or personalities, achieved a considerably higher profile in the Bosnian conflict than either the victims of the war themselves or the thousands of United Nations agency workers who have remained here throughout, negotiating on all fronts.

The war grinds on daily, reaping a bloody harvest from the Bosnian population with little sign of any further gain for the fighting factions concerned. The Bosnian Serbs, at considerable cost to themselves, continue to strangle their weaker neighbours while the Croats and Muslims, in many cases supplied with weapons supplied by the Serbs, fight on regardless of the negligible territorial gain to either side.

As the second Christmas of fighting approaches in Bosnia, the West has all but lost interest in a conflict which is too complex and simply too far away. The exercise for the United Nations troops is now one of damage limitation — another UN soldier was killed by a sniper on Sunday — and the talk is of withdrawal.

Amid this endless cocktail of fighting and often futile negotiation, the arrival of a Sally Becker is a welcome relief. She shows scant regard for bureaucracy and seems, initially at least, to have only one goal: to offer hope and salvation to the injured Bosnians. She brings, in the words of one official from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, a visibility to the human suffering.

No one doubts that her presence, and the media coverage it engenders helped to facilitate the transfer of 22 wounded Bosnians from eastern Mostar this weekend. Many of the volunteers, however, soon realised that within the extraordinary restrictions on both travel and evacuation imposed by the warring factions, it is not possible to just drive into Bosnia and miraculously leave with hundreds of wounded. Third country evacuation can take as much as seven weeks to prepare.

It requires not merely agreement by the warring sides as well as medical assessment on the ground, but also assurance from each country concerned that both visas and, more importantly, beds are available. Ms Becker arrived in Bosnia last week having met few of these requirements.

The 16 beds granted by Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, may have come as a result of the pressure Sally Becker exerted through the media, but the question of visas and other requirements remained open. A letter sent to Ms Becker by the Foreign Office states quite clearly the criteria by which her mission could succeed. "Naturally you will need to arrange visas and guarantees of hospital beds and funding in advance," the letter states. "I believe the UNHCR has also advised you that they cannot support your initiative unless you can provide details and guarantees of medical treatment in the countries to which you are proposing to evacuate the patients."



Jagger: achieved high Bosnian profile

The details were never made available, according to UN officials who say that, despite Ms Becker's contacts in Mostar, the operation was negotiated over a number of months by their staff.

Among the unanswered questions about Ms Becker's mission is why the UN should have needed her at all. Yet, they were prepared to give her accreditation and protection for a visit to central Bosnia last week and also provided more than 200 flak jackets for her volunteers when they travelled into the war zone.

Bosnians bypass tough asylum criteria

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

Britain operates one of the strictest refugee policies in Europe, insisting on visas for most refugees, laying down tough criteria for the granting of political asylum and refusing admission to anyone who cannot prove that his life is at risk in his home country.

For Bosnian refugees, however, special conditions apply as a result of Britain's agreeing last month to accept 1,000 heads of household plus their dependants. The selection of Bosnians entitled to refuge in Britain is made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and refugees have been arriving steadily, including those admitted yesterday for special medical help. So far 474 heads of families and 693 dependants have arrived.

Their settlement is co-ordinated by the Refugee Council, the largest such voluntary organisation in Britain. The Bosnians are sent to reception centres where there are beds, food, clothes, interpreters and staff to supply medical and psychological help. Families may join refugees admitted under this project, with temporary refugee status, allowing an indefinite stay as long as fighting continues.

UK POLICY

Kept in groups together, the refugees are sent where there is accommodation. Most have gone to Birmingham, West Yorkshire, Newcastle, Edinburgh and the London area. The majority are former detainees in internment camps. Other European Union countries also agreed to provide refuge. They do not need visas but are issued with a letter at their port of arrival.

Altogether there are an estimated 30,000 people from former Yugoslavia in Britain, compared with about 350,000 in Germany. About 7,000 have applied for political asylum, and they fall into a different category while they wait to have their cases processed.

For those who do not arrive under an admission programme, conditions are tougher. There is no right of family reunion, nor are the refugees entitled to the same health and social security benefits. The Refugee Council has reported distress and even a suicide among those who entered on privately organised convoys.

The admission of other refugees is governed by the new Asylum Act. This refuses entry to a person if he cannot prove to be a refugee and at risk. Assessing the degree of that risk is left to immigration officials.

When an asylum-seeker is detained on entry and told that the application is groundless, the act allows 48 hours for the refugee to appeal. Most rejected applicants are allowed an oral hearing before an independent adjudicator within ten days.

Last year there were 24,500 asylum-seekers in Britain. Although entry criteria are stiff, the number granted full refugee status is substantially higher than elsewhere in Western Europe. In 1991 just over 30 per cent of claims lodged in Britain were successful, compared with 17 per cent in Sweden, 5.3 per cent in Germany and 3.5 per cent in Switzerland.

Opposition cries fraud as Milosevic claims victory

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

SERBIA'S ruling Socialist Party, defying all polls and predictions but their own, claimed victory yesterday in the country's general elections. Officials brushed aside earlier reports that they would not have a majority in parliament and proclaimed an "overwhelming victory".

Opposition parties responded by crying fraud and denying that President Milosevic's party had secured an absolute majority in Sunday's poll. Although the opposition says that two thirds of the electorate voted against the Socialists, they can still secure a majority thanks to proportional representation and opposition divisions.

Zeljko Simic, a Socialist official, said the vote strengthened President Milosevic's hand in the new round of Bosnia partition talks, but denied that he would make compromises over Serb-held territories in Croatia.

The Socialists had 101 seats in the last parliament. On the basis of results from just under half the constituencies they predicted they would increase their share in the 250-seat parliament to between 124 and 128 seats. They need 126 seats for an absolute majority.

Vuk Draskovic, leader of the main opposition coalition, Depos, said there was "no rational explanation" why 37 per cent of Serbs had voted for the Socialists but accused the state run media of "criminality". He claimed state television had been used by the Socialists to woo voters.

SERBIA

One western diplomat said: "There was certainly a little bit of rigging but nothing on the scale that could account for such a shift. The real fraud was media control." State television is the only channel which covers the whole country. The main independent television stations can only be seen in the Belgrade area.

The biggest victors in the election were the hitherto marginal Democratic Party and the biggest losers the Radical Party. Much of their support appeared to have reverted to the Socialists.

One of the biggest surprises was the annihilation of a new party led by Zeljko Raznjatovic, better known by his *nom de guerre*, Arkan. The well-financed party led by the paramilitary leader had plastered Belgrade and other cities with posters and bought hours of advertising on television.

Before the election only the Socialists were predicting that they would gain a majority in the new parliament. Even if the Socialists fall a few seats short of the magic 126 they are likely to find some small parties willing to collaborate with them.

☐ **Leader killed:** Mihailo Ljesar, the deputy Prime Minister of Montenegro, was shot dead in his office by a local businessman who then killed himself, the government of the Yugoslav state said. It said the attack was not politically motivated. *(Reuter)*

Life goes on, even in prime target areas

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

SARAJEVO'S snipers make no concessions for the festive season. It is sniper season again, and in Sarajevo such a season comes and goes without any apparent reason or sense.

It can be short, just a couple days, like an early winter cold snap that gives way to a few more weeks of temperate weather. Or sniper season can last weeks, maybe even months.

Residents of Sarajevo treat snipers almost the way, years ago, they treated bad weather. This time it is just now hitting its peak, at least that's what everyone in Sarajevo hopes: if only they can make it a few more days, then the Serbs should let up.

And like bad weather, snipers have become an inconvenience to residents. For most people, life goes on, sniping or not. Sniper season might make them alter their plans, but it will not keep them from visiting a friend, attending a gallery opening, shopping for food, working, or even going to school. Yesterday I watched from my bedroom window as a father brought his two daughters home, apparently from school. The sandy-haired father, in his white cardigan, held the younger one by the hand as they dashed across open ground to their home. The older daughter, in a blue windbreaker, matching her sister's ran along, just behind.

As the three of them made their way across the shattered glass and broken bricks of a neighborhood building hit by shells, bullets whizzed past, sounding like angry bees, about to sting.

What is shocking about this scene is not that fathers must dash from snipers with their children, desperately trying to out-run the cross hairs of a hunter's sights. It is that after 625 days under siege, such scenes are normal. Children frolicking in a playground would make one stop and stare.

This time the shots were aimed at people dashing across the intersection at the top of the car park; next time, who knows. It is the not knowing when the shooting will start that makes snipers so terrifying to the people of Sarajevo.

SNIPERS

Everybody in Sarajevo walks the streets always with the burning sensation that a bullet will tear through them at any moment. After so many footsteps in fear, they have just grown accustomed to the feeling.

Of all the shocking chapters of this horrible war, the one about sniping in Sarajevo, though still far from finished, is the most appalling. Firing artillery shells into apartment buildings, crowded streets and even schools is reprehensible, but the perpetrator enjoys a distance from the victims.

The sniper sees his victim. That is what surprised people when a baby in a pram was shot by a sniper on a Sarajevo intersection two months ago — the gunner looked, saw a baby and decided to kill it.

☐ **Brussels:** A Belgian soldier with United Nations forces in Bosnia was killed by a sniper, a Belgian army spokesman said yesterday.

Corporal Marc Orban, 32, was hit in the shoulder and lung while travelling in a convoy between Vicoko and Kiseljac, northwest of Sarajevo. He was the first Belgian soldier to be killed in Bosnia but the third to be killed in former Yugoslavia, where Belgium has about 1,000 UN troops. *(Reuter)*

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Agreement opens the way for Volksfront to participate in April election

ANC signs accord with right-wing Afrikaner group

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

■ **The ANC has recognised the need to address Afrikaner desires for self-determination. The acceptance of some form of breakaway state is a big concession**

NELSON Mandela, president of the African National Congress, and General Constand Viljoen, leader of the Afrikaner Volksfront, are to sign a formal agreement today that could open the way for the right-wing umbrella organisation to take part in April's all-race election.

The breakthrough has taken nearly four months of intensive discussions between the two sides. A joint statement issued in Pretoria yesterday said that they had reached a strategic interim agreement that would enable the Volksfront to participate in the transitional process as well as the election.

However, the statement noted that it was subject to a final, detailed accord, indicating that considerable negotiation lies ahead. "In terms of the agreement, both parties are in support of the introduction of non-racial democracy in South Africa. They also see the need to seek ways to address the desire of many Afrikaners for self-determination in a *volkstaat*," the statement said.

This reflects a big concession by the ANC which until now has insisted that it would not consider any form of breakaway state either by Afrikaners or Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Zulus. It is expected that detailed negotiations between the ANC and Volksfront will continue throughout January and February to try to reach final agreement in time for the March cut-off date for political organisations to register for the polls.

Among the critical issues are the boundaries of any *volkstaat* and the rights of blacks who live within them. The ANC will not allow any mini-state to be created in which apartheid is perpetuated.

Details of the agreement will be made known at the signing in Johannesburg today. Mr Mandela telephoned President de Klerk in Cape Town yesterday to tell him of the achievement, which came as other ANC negotiators and government representatives were engaged in make-or-break discussions with the Freedom Alliance to try to reach a constitutional settlement.

After hours of talks on Sunday, three task groups consisting of five representatives each from the government, the ANC and the alliance, have been given until 8am today to tackle the issue.

A frantic schedule lies ahead if they succeed. First, the deal will be submitted to a parliamentary standing committee. Then yet another meeting of the multi-party negotiating council will be called to ratify it in time for an amended interim draft constitution to be put to a parliamentary vote due to be taken tomorrow. If there is no agreement by the task groups, the draft constitution is expected to be adopted by parliament without amendment.

At a joint sitting of the white, Coloured and Asian chambers of parliament, the debate on the constitution entered its third day yesterday and speakers for the Conservative Party, which is part of the Freedom Alliance, made clear that they would never accept it as it stands.

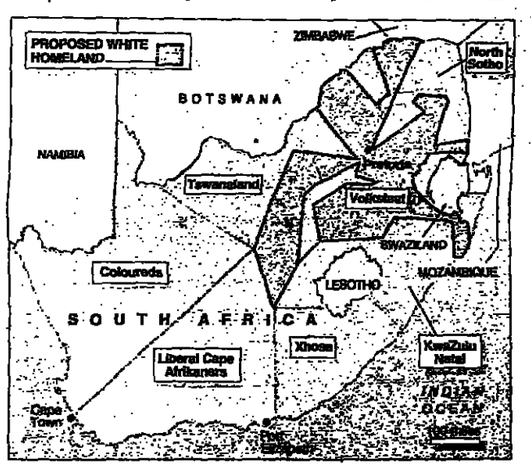
It appeared that in the task group discussions the main thrust of the government and ANC teams is to secure agreement with Chief Buthelezi's Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party and KwaZulu homeland government, as well as the Bophuthatswana homeland government with or without Conservative Party approval.

The alliance was reported to have cut its list of 13 proposed constitutional amendments to four which were non-negotiable. In return, the government and ANC were demanding the alliance's commitment to participate in the election and the transition process, including the Transitional Executive Council, the multiracial body appointed to work alongside the government in the run-up to the poll.

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A boy in the uniform of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement carrying a torch during a ceremony in Pretoria to mark the Day of the Vow. The celebration commemorates the victory of Afrikaners over Zulus in 1838



Farmers vow to fight for white homeland

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN PRETORIA

THE huge, bearded Afrikaner farmer, in the brown and khaki uniform of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB), fingered his holstered gun and glanced proudly at his paramilitary comrades marching in the shadow of the Voortrekker Monument, the hallowed Afrikaner shrine. "We are ready for war. And I am prepared to die to save this country from the kaffirs."

He is among 3,000 AWB supporters who descended on Pretoria last week to sing hymns, practise combat manoeuvres and listen to speeches during a two-day "cultural festival". Dressed in traditional costumes and military fatigues, they wait impatiently for their hero, Eugene Terre'Blanche. They clamour for war talk, and he does not disappoint them.

The rally was organised by the Afrikaner Volksfront, which emerged after retired police and army generals decided to unite the far right. Spanning more than 40 groups, including the AWB and the Conservative Party, and led by General Constand Viljoen, former chief of the South African Defence Force, they are united in their quest for "self-determination". For many this means a separate homeland, a *volkstaat*.

They see the alternative as a "communist tyranny" dominated by the African National Congress, which has stirred sections of the Volksfront to call upon Afrikaners to take up arms against Nelson Mandela and President de Klerk to resist the elections in April. They point to Russia as an example of the suffering that "communism" could inflict.

Speak to a right-wing farmer and you will hear the same message: "We are ready for war... Of course, we will fight if that is what it takes to win our homeland. But grant us the constitutional guarantees and we will not start a civil war. Land for peace."

A white homeland may not be viable. Whites constitute less than 15 per cent of the population. The right has been unable to present a united front in its campaign for Afrikaner separateness. The Boerestaat Party demands the restoration of the three Boer republics, while the Afrikaner National Union suggested South Africa be divided into ten regions, one controlled by whites. In Orania, in the northern Cape and Kalahari, blacks would be excluded, while the Conservative Party envisages a homeland where blacks would be "foreign labourers".

The bottom line for the Volksfront Afrikaners is their desire to preserve their cultural heritage and above all their livelihoods. While many favour a *volkstaat*, according to a survey only six out of ten supporters consider it a sustainable option. Thousands are opting for another — emigration.

Magazine accuses President of constant adultery

White House denies Clinton sex liaisons

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

IN AN unprecedented attack on a sitting American President, a mainstream publication accused President Clinton yesterday of almost constant adultery throughout his time as Governor of Arkansas and even after his election to the White House.

The conservative *American Spectator* magazine based its detailed and colourful 13-page article on the evidence of four Arkansas state troopers from Mr Clinton's bodyguard who claimed they had helped to facilitate his frequent sexual encounters. Two — Roger Perry and Larry Peterson — spoke on the record and repeated their charges on CNN television. The troopers also claimed that Clinton supporters tried to silence them through bribes, threats and intimidation, and that Hillary Clinton had an affair with Vincent Foster, Mr Clinton's childhood friend and deputy White House counsel, who killed himself last July.

The White House called the allegations that Mr Clinton had used his bodyguard to facilitate sexual liaisons ridiculous and branded the suggestion that Mr Clinton had offered the officers promotion in return for silence a lie. It called the charges part of an orchestrated campaign to discredit the President and suggested that the real story was how the media was being manipulated by his enemies. During last year's campaign Mr Clinton denied an affair with Gennifer Flowers, an Arkansas nightclub singer, but tacitly admitted past extramarital dalliances.

It was disclosed separately yesterday that police investigating Mr Foster's suicide are searching for a file he is believed to have kept on the Clintons' business dealings with James McDougal, the owner of a bankrupt Arkansas building society being investigated by federal authorities.

The police believe the file could have been removed quickly and quietly from Mr Foster's White House office after his death and the conservative *Washington Times* even named the two White House "political operatives" it believed responsible.

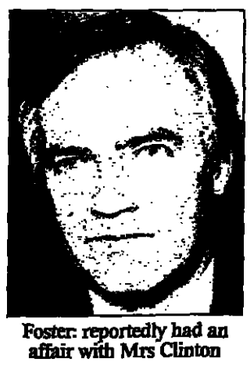
New allegations were also levelled yesterday against Dan Rostenkowski, the veteran Chicago congressman and House Ways and Means committee chairman on whom Mr Clinton is banking to steer his health care reforms through Congress. The subject of a long-running investigation into his use of public money, the *Chicago Sun-Times* asserted that Mr Rostenkowski paid numerous friends and neighbours tens of thousands of dollars in federal salaries even though they did little or no work for him.

The state troopers told the *American Spectator* that "on the state payroll and using state time, vehicles and resources, they were instructed by Clinton on a regular basis to approach women and to solicit their telephone numbers for the Governor; to drive him in state vehicles to rendezvous points and to guard him during sexual encounters; to secure hotel rooms and other meeting places for sex; to lend Clinton their state cars so he could slip away and visit women unnoticed and to deliver gifts from Clinton to various women".

David Brock, the author, said that apart from Ms Flowers, who claimed publicly to have been Mr Clinton's lover during last year's presidential campaign, his mistresses included "a staffer in Clinton's office; an Arkansas lawyer Clinton appointed to a judgeship; the wife of a prominent judge; a local reporter; an employee at Arkansas Power and Light, a state-regulated public utility; and a cosmetics sales clerk at a Little Rock department store". He declined to publish the names.

The troopers said Mr Clinton saw one or more of these women "two or three times a week".

The *American Spectator* added that the troopers were embittered by their belief that Mr Clinton ignored them after his election. Cliff Jackson, their lawyer, is a well known Clinton critic.



Foster: reportedly had an affair with Mrs Clinton

Detainees' return boosts Hamas

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN GAZA

A PALESTINIAN surgeon was inundated by well-wishers when he returned home to Gaza City yesterday together with scores of other militant Islamic figures.

Mahmoud Zahar, looking trim and fit after a year in exile on a remote hillside in southern Lebanon, said: "It is good to be home in Palestine. Hopefully we are the last of the deportees."

Israel yesterday announced that three senior members of the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, had been sentenced to six months' detention after their deportation. But Dr Zahar, along with most of the original 415 deported, have been freed just when the campaign against the peace process needed them.

"So far I have not met anyone yet who is favour of the peace agreement with Israel. They know it is very dangerous and immoral," said Dr Zahar, whose group wants an Islamic state created in all Palestine, including Israel. Although three months ago his views might have been ignored by most Palestinians caught up in the euphoria over peace, today his credibility has been enhanced.

Hamas has established itself as the second most powerful group in the occupied territories after the mainstream Fatah group loyal to Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Even the Israelis concede that it cannot be ignored. Last week Brigadier General Doron Almog, the military commander in Gaza, admitted meeting representatives of the banned movement. Shaikh Ahmed Yassin, its imprisoned leader, said that he would be willing to take part in elections in July.

☐ **Cairo:** Six Islamic militants were hanged in a Cairo jail yesterday and six policemen were killed in terrorist violence over a 24-hour period. Four militants and a taxi-driver, caught in crossfire, have also been killed.

China ready to bar abnormal births

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHINA will soon prohibit marriages where either partner has a taboo ailment and will advise mothers infectiously ill or carrying "abnormal foetuses" to have abortions.

Xinhua, the official news agency, reported yesterday that a new law on eugenics and health protection has been submitted to the National People's Congress, whose agreement is assumed. The law is intended to reduce the number of the disabled now estimated at ten million, in a population of more than 1.1 billion.

The law "will put a stop to the prevalence of abnormal births and heighten the standards of the whole population," Xinhua said.

People with hepatitis, venereal disease or mental illnesses will be prohibited from marrying, the draft stipulates. Women with abnormal foetuses will be advised to abort, and couples with infectious diseases should be sterilised. As for euthanasia, Xinhua said, the draft was silent, "because the international community has not come to a conclusion".

The international community is largely opposed to euthanasia and over the past 20 years, when the subject of eugenics has been raised in China, international experts in Britain and America have expressed anxiety. Their unease arises from memories of Nazi Germany's advocacy of Aryan births and the suppression of those deemed defective or inferior.

Experts worry about terms such as abnormal, defective, handicapped and mental disease and express doubts about preventing those with infectious diseases from marrying, especially if there is no intention to have children.

Chinese traditionally have little sympathy for the supposedly abnormal, who have been exposed at birth or, if allowed to live, hidden away. It is still almost impossible for those regarded as imperfect physically to attend university or to become teachers, who are supposed to be models of physical perfection.

Attitudes have changed little in recent years, despite the efforts of Deng Pufang, Deng Xiaoping's son, who has been confined to a wheelchair since the Cultural Revolution when Red Guards, angry with his father, caused him injuries that paralysed him below the waist.

Although he has led an effort to improve the lot of the handicapped, the new law demonstrates they are still regarded chiefly as a drain on national resources.

Marla triumphs in marriage to Trump

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

TO GOSSIP columnists, it is New York's version of a "fairy-tale marriage". A rough-hewn real estate tycoon, who is already married, meets a young model in the street and starts an affair that leads, after a messy divorce, innumerable public rows, several splits and the birth of a love-child, to a celebrity-packed wedding at the New York Plaza.

Last night, six years after their first meeting and a week after the bride-to-be launched her line of maternity clothing, Donald Trump and Marla Maples were married. Mr Trump's on-off relationship with Ms Maples has been a staple of New York society chatter ever since she confronted the former Mrs Trump on the ski slopes of Aspen four years ago and demanded to know if she really loved her husband.

The high points included Ms Marples' front-page announcement that her relationship with "The Don" had yielded "the best sex I've ever had", her announcement that she was pregnant with his child and Mr Trump's decision to give her a 7.45 carat diamond engagement ring. One of the many low points came when she hurled the $600,000 (£403,000) ring at him during an argument, yelling "I'll never marry you", only to discover in the newspapers the next morning that he had borrowed the ring from a jeweller friend.

After at least three highly publicised splits, Ms Marples, 30, gave birth to the couple's daughter on October 28. Mr Trump, 47, won the dispute over the baby's name. She wanted to call it Montana or Sierra. He wanted to call her Tiffany.

Even though he admitted to suffering from "marriage phobia", on December 9, Mr Turmp hired Chen Sam, renowned publicist of Elizabeth Taylor, the actress, and the next day informed her that she had ten days to organise a wedding reception for 2,000 people at his Plaza hotel, which used to be managed by his former wife.

On the guest list are Hollywood stars Arnold Schwarzenegger, Wesley Snipes, Whitney Houston and Liza Minnelli, Evander Holyfield, the boxer, and Howard Stern, the television talk show host, as well as both New York's outgoing and incoming mayors, one a Democrat, the other a Republican. There is even said to be half a chance that the superstar Michael Jackson will take up his invitation.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Peking rejects further talks on colony

Hong Kong: China's Foreign Ministry has told Britain by telephone that there will be no further talks over the constitutional structure of Hong Kong (Jonathan Mirsky writes).

The Foreign Office is understood to believe that the call to the British Embassy in Peking on Friday had not followed the normal diplomatic procedure for formally terminating talks. The usual course is an exchange of notes.

Chris Patten, the Hong Kong Governor, said yesterday: "We want a formal response to our proposal for talks." Britain was prepared to talk until the second stage of legislation is introduced, which might be as late as next spring, he added.

Michael Sze, the Constitutional Affairs Secretary, has said Britain was still waiting for a "diplomatic" declaration that China is treating the negotiations as over.

Other local officials think Peking has made itself clear. "That's a full response," said one yesterday.

Kashmir rebel leader seized

Srinagar: Indian troops captured the head of a militant group fighting Delhi's rule over Kashmir, while 15 more people were killed in the four-year uprising.

A spokesman for the paramilitary Border Security Force said it seized Ahsun Dar, leader of the Muslim Mujahideen, on Sunday in a raid on a house here. Last week Indian troops killed a former head of another militant group, the Hezb-ul-Mujahideen, in a clash in the central Kashmir district of Budgam. *(Reuter)*

Panther killed

Paris: A panther that was to have turned into a child at a Christmas magic show escaped from a cage, and mauled its owner and a technician before it was shot dead by police at Saint-Sylvain D'Anjou, 160 miles southwest of here. *(AP)*

Antall successor



Budapest: President Goncz of Hungary said he would nominate Peter Boross, above, to succeed the late Jozsef Antall as Prime Minister. Mr Boross, 65, a conservative with a reputation as a tough politician, must be endorsed by parliament in a vote, set for today. *(Reuter)*

Crash kills 19

Cape Town: Nineteen people, including two children, were killed when a minibus taxi and a truck collided near Laingsburg, about 200 miles northeast of here. A police spokesman said the minibus was heavily overloaded. *(AFP)*

Fair cops

Tokyo: Japan's first neighbourhood police station staffed solely by women opened in the smart Ginza district. The six policewomen are all masters of judo, aikido or other martial arts and carry firearms. *(Reuter)*

Rat king scoops the pack. **Julia Llewellyn Smith** on the man who revealed Prince Edward's girl

Writer who lives happily ever after

Andrew Morton has a favourite cartoon, which is framed on the wall of his study. A little girl is sitting up in bed; her parents have just finished reading her a fairy story. The girl is perplexed. "Well, if the Prince and the Princess don't live happily ever after, who does?" she asks. Her parents look at each other nervously. "The author?" they suggest.

Mr Morton is certainly one of the few characters to emerge better off from the recent royal scandals. It seems hard to believe, but until his *Diana: Her True Story*, published in June 1992, many had never heard of Camilla Parker Bowles and thought bulimia was the name of a flower in Charles's garden. Now eminent churchmen earnestly question Charles's right to be King and the Prince and Princess of Wales seem certain to divorce.

Mr Morton would be the first to deny responsibility for such events, but *Diana* widened the climate for what could be published, or thought, about the royal family. Six months after publication the Queen was pleading for public sympathy after her *annus horribilis*, and agreeing to pay tax and slash the civil list.

It is quite possible that in a year's time we will be shaking our heads in disbelief that there was ever a time when we lived without Sophie Rhys-Jones. Until last weekend Miss Rhys-Jones was only a pretty face in the crowd, a 28-year-old public relations consultant leading a blameless existence, whose only gift to humanity looked set to be Mr Blobby, as one of the team who marketed him.

But then on Sunday the *News of the World* produced the "Royal Scoop of the Year", the news that Miss Rhys-Jones was being courted by Prince Edward and that the couple would marry next year. By yesterday morning there cannot have been a soul in the land who did not know that Miss Rhys-Jones was a strawberry blonde, who lived in west London and had a passion for sports.

So what was new? If you believe the gossip, Prince Edward had "been in love" before, with various pleasant looking girls, or, alternatively, was actually not the marrying kind. This time things were different. This story was written under Mr Morton's byline, which, in journalistic circles, carries an authority that bears more weight than the Queen's warrant.

Mr Morton is the 40-year-old son of a picture framer from Yorkshire, with a bland, bespectacled face, and a look straight out of



Andrew Morton: millionaire

man at C&A. Until the book, he was just another member of the "Rat Pack", as Fleet Street's royal watchers dub themselves, who stood head and shoulders above the rest by virtue only of his height (he is 6ft 4in). All this changed with the publication of *Diana*. Until then royal biographies were pastel-tinted hagiographies, usually with a title like *Man of Destiny*. *Diana*, by contrast, looked like a portrait by Edvard Munch. The Princess was a half-crazed neurotic, struggling against an unfeeling husband and a family who made the Borgias seem like the Waltons.

What was unprecedented about Mr Morton's work was his sources. The traditional skeleton of royal narratives ("a friend says", "a Palace source reveals") had been replaced, in part, by on-the-record quotes by people such as the Princess's brother, then Viscount Althorp, James Gilbey (widely believed to be the man in the Squidgy tapes) and Carolyn Bartholomew, her friend and former flatmate. Her father, Earl Spencer, sold Mr Morton pictures from the family album.

Mr Morton has always denied that he and the princess have spoken directly. Other royal "experts" such as Nigel Dempster say that he must have done. Mr Morton says he was "chosen" to write the book by a friend close to the Princess, who could not bear to see her suffer in silence. "He is held in a state of insane jealousy," says one of his colleagues.

Mr Morton is touchy on the subject of earnings, but *Diana* alone has made him a multi-millionaire. A recent article in *The Sunday Times* after the Princess of Wales announced her withdrawal from public life is said to have made him £15,000 for an afternoon's work. The *News of the World* then paid him a further £40,000 to retain his exclusive services for the next two weeks, a sum which presumably did not encompass his revelations of the weekend.

As well as gaining in wealth, some aspects of Mr Morton's lifestyle have altered. He is still an active member of his local Labour Party, but this year's Christmas cards are signed in gold ink and dinner guests to his Highgate home are reported to be asked to wear black tie. He has a scrambler on his telephone and had his office swept for "bugs".

Earlier this year he was featured in *OK!* magazine, posing under his gazebo and in front of his ornate fireplace. "It would be difficult to lie to Andrew Morton. His direct, unwavering gaze seems to look right into your soul," the article began. It is the kind of piece once written about Prince Andrew, but which would now be considered gushingly reverent.

Behold, a story is born

If the Bishop of Durham is right to question the details of the Nativity story, where, asks **Ian Bradley**, do such extraordinary tales come from?

Once again the Bishop of Durham has managed to outrage traditionalist church members, and especially Conservative MPs, with remarks that will strike most theologians and biblical scholars as unexceptional and overcautious.

The sad fact is that much of the Christmas story as presented to us in carols, cards and Nativity plays has no foundation either in the Bible or in history. It is an amalgam of colourful details and supernatural tales that have been added over the years to point up the significance of the Christian doctrine of Incarnation, which proclaims that God descended in human form into this world, and to adorn the stark accounts of the Nativity in the four Gospels.

Dr Jenkins could well have done a much bigger demolition job on the whole Christmas story. For a start, there is the question of the date of Jesus' birth. The one thing we can be certain about is that it did not occur on December 25 in the first year AD. There is in fact directly contradictory evidence in the Gospels about the date of the event. Matthew tells us that it took place during the reign of Herod, who is known from other sources to have died in 4 BC, while Luke places it during Quirinius' time as governor of Syria, which according to Roman historians did not start until 6 AD. The consensus among modern scholars is that Jesus was probably born between 7 and 5 BC.

It is highly unlikely that his birth took place in the bleak mid-winter. The only clue as to the time of year in the Gospels is Luke's mention of shepherds being out on the hills overnight looking after their flocks, which suggests the summer. The church did not start celebrating Jesus' birth on December 25 until the fourth century. This date was almost certainly chosen because it had long been the *Dies Natalis Invicti*, the day on which the Romans, in common with many other people in the ancient world, marked the birthday of the Unconquered Sun, rising again after the darkness of winter. With Christianity newly established as the official religion of the Roman Empire, the church seized the chance of hijacking this festival.

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The three kings: Balthazar, Melchior and Caspar, from a sixth century Byzantine mosaic in Ravenna

As Dr Jenkins has suggested, the popular conception that Jesus was born in a stable at Bethlehem because there was no room in the inn there is almost certainly fallacious. The only Gospel writer to mention the place of Jesus' birth is Luke, and the Greek word he uses, *kataluma*, often simply means room rather than guest-house or inn. The most likely place for Joseph to have gone for the census ordered by the Emperor Augustus was to his parents' home in Bethlehem and it was presumably there that the birth took place — perhaps in a manger or an animal feeding trough.

There is no suggestion in Luke, or anywhere else in the New Testament, that Jesus was born in a byre or stable among the animals. This idea is not wholly an invention of sentimental Victorian carol writers, however. Descriptions of Jesus being born among animals occur in several of the so-called apocryphal gospels, now being rehabilitated by scholars. These were accounts of his infancy and later life which circulated among early Christian communities but were not incorporated into the official New Testament canon drawn up in the fourth century AD. The gospel of Pseudo-Matthew, for example, has an ox and an ass present at Christ's birth.

It is from this same source that we have the familiar story of the three wise men. Matthew, the only canonical Gospel writer to mention the Magi, simply talks of an unspecified number of wise men or astrologers. He almost certainly introduced this element into his narrative to fulfil Old Testament prophecies which speak of gentile kings bringing gold and incense.

The wise men seem to have been transformed into three kings in the sixth century on the basis of an account in an Armenian infancy gospel which speaks of King Melchior from Persia, Caspar, King of the Hindus, and Balthazar, King of the Arabs, coming to visit Jesus. In this version the kings are accompanied by 12,000 soldiers on horseback and give gifts of books and precious stones in addition to the traditional gold, frankincense and myrrh that Matthew mentions.

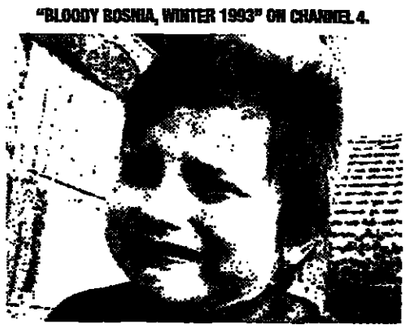
Modern science has attempted to come to the aid of at least one of the traditional components of the Nativity. Colin Hughes, an astronomer at Cambridge University, has argued that the "star of wonder" may well have been a "broom star", a comet with a tail looking as though it was sweeping the sky clean, which Chinese astronomers observed for 70 days in 5 BC. Other astronomers have pointed to rare conjunctions of stars at the time.

The enthusiasm of scientists to provide historical evidence for the Christmas story is in contrast to the debunking tendency of many biblical scholars. Both groups miss the point: Christmas is a mystery and a miracle. If the ox, the ass, the star and the wise men can help us approach it with reverence, let us not banish them from the scene.

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Beware the choke zone

Why do we endure fumes that turn cities into hell-holes?

A horrid image comes to me nowadays whenever I look in the mirror during the school run, which has become a deadly crawl through clouds of poisonous gas. Instead of three little girls in the back of the car I see three beagles in laboratory harness, being forced to chain-smoke cigarettes.

I also see a page in a 21st-century history textbook being studied by children in China... "In the last days of Britain there was an asthma epidemic among children, chiefly caused by a barbaric ritual. Twice a day parents would expose their children to dangerous doses of carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and other noxious gases, in the primitive belief that this gave them an educational advantage."

Returning to Bayswater from the maelstrom just north of Swiss Cottage, where every morning battle is done between parents trying to deliver children to a dozen private schools, commuters from further north trying to dump their cars and hop on the Tube, and residents trying to get out, I reviewed the evidence.

It was difficult to concentrate. There was a constant slow stream of cars and lorries under my window, completely obliterating the sleeping policemen installed by the council to reduce the traffic (hah!).

The stink, the colour of the air, the spluttering pedestrians told of pollution as bad as Bangkok's or Mexico City's. In Rome, hardly a byword for good city governance, an edict would have gone out forbidding people to bring cars into the city today. It can't be done in London, where we have no city governance at all. Instead, we have a national Government which lies, cheats and prevaricates about traffic emissions so that it can go ahead and spend £23 billion on roads instead of public transport.

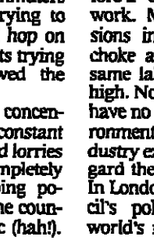
Last week the Department of Health refused to let the press see its new report, "Oxides of Nitrogen". Written by medical ostriches to be circulated to doctors for the purpose of pooh-poohing the anxieties of asthmatics, it recommends not warning the public about nitrogen dioxide levels until they exceed 600 parts per billion, nearly *three times* the World Health Organisation's safety limit.

Yet over at the Environment Department they accept research from America, Canada, Sweden and Switzerland which blames nitrogen dioxide as one of the car-exhaust gases, for asthma and lung damage. And they call nitrogen dioxide the air pollutant "of greatest concern".

One of their reports calculated that 19 million Britons were exposed to air pollution that exceeds European Community safety guidelines, but when I asked the environment section of the Transport Department's research laboratory, they said: "Only very, very rarely are those guidelines exceeded anywhere in the UK." Oh really, and where might that be? "In the centre of a busy city." I see. Hardly affects anybody then, does it?

Officially, emissions from car exhausts have increased by 73 per cent since 1981. But which, if any, official measurements can we believe? Friends of the Earth exposed official cynicism worthy of Francis Urquhart in the measurement of nitrogen dioxide, for which we had a mere seven monitoring stations (compared with 200 in Germany), of which only one, in Glasgow, was sited in an area of heavy traffic as EC criteria demand. The environmentalists protested and nine more monitoring stations were quickly set up.

Guess where. Five are in or near pedestrian precincts, three are in parks and one is beside a quiet street. Now the Government plans to stretch the credibility gap yet wider by inviting petrol companies (yes, honestly) to take over the funding of air pollution monitoring.



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Blindly, the transport research laboratory "guesses" that catalytic converters will halve traffic fumes. But in busy cities that is impossible because you often have to drive two miles before a "cat" gets hot enough to work. Meanwhile, the emissions in which you sit and choke are, according to that same laboratory, 50 times as high. No, for various reasons I have no space to discuss, environmentalists and motor industry experts increasingly regard the cat as a red herring. In London, Westminster council's policy of creating the world's most expensive parking spaces and the world's fiercest enforcers will do much more good.

> Is it beyond our wits to find a way to end the twice-daily school run?

It's only a start, however. I see that of the £27.8 million that Westminster City Council raises from parking dues, and is bound by law to spend on traffic improvements, only £600,000 goes on school transport. John Whitelegg, the Lancaster University environmental epidemiologist who hit the headlines the other day with his study linking ill health and traffic volumes, believes the school run is one of the biggest causes of urban traffic problems, and therefore also of health problems.

Surely the time has come to abolish that barbaric twice-daily ritual in private cars, with all its consequences for ill health, ill temper and wasted working hours?

Is it really beyond the wit of London to devise a network of safe school transport serving both state and private schools, funded by parking dues, road pricing and other traffic control measures? Surely not, although it is likely to be beyond the will of London so long as it has no overall strategic elected authority, and so long as John Gummer as minister for London reflects his Government's worship of the car and inability to understand the term "integrated transport policy".

While London filled with fumes through the 1980s, Los Angeles halved its smog levels by dint of installing a light rail system, commuter train services, an underground railway and a car-pool system with designated express lanes, and by applying regulations on diesel and petrol standards, car emissions and vehicle maintenance stricter than any we have even considered. If it had not done so, Los Angelenos would have left in droves and the city's economy would have collapsed.

Yen to be seen and heard

The Japanese answer to the year's stresses is a shouting contest

ON ANY normal day, Mamiko Kobayashi is a demure, polite and retiring 19-year-old student of home economics at Shonan Women's University, the sort of porcelain doll Japanese girl who would not dream of hurting a fly and who never forgets to raise a modest hand before producing her tinkling, singsong giggle, the sort that perfectly befits prim Japanese womankind.

Yet behind that saccharine demeanour, Mamiko is seething with frustration, livid at her rigidly preordained future, which will probably see her married off to her parents' choice of husband at the age of 24, burdened with 1.4 children and spending the rest of her life nannying her husband. It would never do for Mamiko to display such frustrations, so once a year she lets rip in what for her amounts to a vast orgy of temperament. She enters Tokyo's annual *Oogoe Taikai*, literally the "Big Voice Big Contest" shouting competition.

As Mamiko stepped up on to the platform yesterday in her fluffy jacket and clutching her good-luck charm, there emerged from the bashful girl with the teeny-weeny dolly voice, an entirely different personality. Mamiko became a screaming ogre gifted with a thunderous fog-horn voice that passers-by reckoned could be heard a kilometre away.

"Hosokawa-san, Kakkooolieeee!" she bellowed, informing most of west Tokyo that she thinks the prime minister is a big sweety. Big Voice being Japan's answer to *It's A Knockout*, there was, of course, an Eddie Waring host who began prancing about excitedly as the noise meter totted up the extent of Mamiko's impressive decibels.

"Ooooh, Yaaa. Has she done it? *Has this lovely girly done it?* Aaaargh! This might be the big one..." he hollered into a perfectly functioning microphone. Indeed, Mamiko appeared to have done it with a 112.9 decibel yell, the biggest voice yet. Mamiko quickly took cover in her demure dolly disguise, blushing and giggling as she ran into the crowd.

YEAR-END shouting contests have become something of an institution in Japan, a country where hard-working and long-suffering students, salary-men and housewives are expected to bottle up their frustrations, to avoid voicing complaint or dissent and generally be ready with titanic displays of forbearance in the face of any hardship.

Yesterday's stress relief seekers encompassed all ages. Next up on the stage was a frail and wheezing old man. His female companion sat bolt upright in a posture of acute embarrassment beside the stage as he opened his mouth wide, screwed up his eyes and gave vent to a tremendous bellow: "I still like women but Aids scares the pants off me!" Although it sounded a little like a hen having hiccups, the message was delivered with considerable *élan*.



Winning mouth: Masahiro Sagawa

NEXT WAS a lugubrious 56-year-old gentleman who politely introduced himself as "a sad and stressed-out salary-man" and screamed his message three times, with a sensationally comical expression of fierce concentration, as though undertaking some important corporate duty. "Prime Minister Hosokawa! For Pete's sake do something about the economy!"

Eddie Waring went ballistic. He hopped from one foot to the other and back again. The Big Voice Meter did its stuff. The screaming salary man had not made it. Instead the coveted title of Big Voice 1993 and the 100,000 yen (£600) prize went to 35-year-old Masahiro Sagawa, a cook from west Tokyo who registered 114.7 decibels on the BVM. Under the theme "What most interested or most moved you this year", Mr Sagawa's chosen message to Japan was: "My trousers have just ripped... Aaaaargh".

Mr Sagawa practised for three weeks. For ten days he had eaten nothing but "stamina" food (the assorted internal organs of four-legged beasts) and he had shouted in the bath so long and so loud one night that he thought his throat had begun to bleed. Altogether quite stressful, I would imagine.

JOANNA PITMAN

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An ancient poison that still kills

Arsenic is so hard to detect, we still don't know how Napoleon died



DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

THE case of arsenic poisoning being heard at the Leeds Crown Court, and the suggestion advanced on Anglia television by Ann Thwaite, the literary historian, that Jock Rider Haggard, son of the writer Sir Henry Rider Haggard, died of carbolic poisoning have given a Victorian flavour to medical conversation this week.

It is not disputed that Mr Mohammed Salim Azam, a Bradford businessman, died of acute arsenic poisoning. Arsenic is still used in various Asian herbal remedies but has been superseded in traditional medicine as a treatment of skin diseases. Apart from medical, industrial and agricultural uses, arsenic was, in the past, the poisoner's drug of choice, and is still used malevolently from time to time.

As little as 60 mgs of arsenic can cause fatal poisoning, with dramatic symptoms of cramping pain, severe vomiting and diarrhoea similar to that caused by cholera, both watery and bloody. Mr Azam's doctors thought, perhaps not entirely unsurprisingly, that he had died from gastro-enteritis.

The symptoms may start within an hour of taking arsenic or the onset may be delayed, particularly if taken with food, for up to 12 hours. Death is due to either collapse from dehydration, to repeated convulsions, or to heart failure following a gross irregularity of the heart beat.

The more cunning poisoner long ago realised that an immediately fatal dose of arsenic is unlikely to go unnoticed, but that when arsenic is slowly administered over a long period in small quantities it may present considerable diagnostic problems. After all, doctors and historians are still arguing nearly two centuries later as to whether Napoleon was slowly poisoned by the arsenic which was leached out of his green wallpaper every time it became damp.

An elderly rural parson who had been admitted to a nursing home for clergy under the care of the consultant to whom I was then a houseman, illustrated many of the obvious features of chronic arsenic poisoning. As well as complaining of low-grade nausea and vomiting he had an increasing muscular weakness, a burning sensation in his hands and feet, which was accompanied by a lack of sensitivity in the feet, a darkening puffy skin and a thickening of the soles and palms. He was anaemic and had poor kidney function. Laboratory tests on nails and hair confirmed long-standing arsenic poisoning.

The consultant explained in his elderly donnish way to the husband and wife the signs of symptoms of arsenic poisoning, the certainty that the parson had been poisoned and carefully without a direct accusation he managed to imply that his suspicions rested on the parson's wife and that he, the physician, would be taking a close interest in her husband's health thereafter.

The patient made an uneventful recovery and lived to a ripe old age.

If chronic arsenic poisoning darkens skin, carbolic acid (phenol) lightens it. Earlier this year this Victorian disinfectant received considerable publicity when it became known that some people were using it in an attempt to bleach their skin.

THOSE who attempted to do this would have been well advised to listen to Ann Thwaite on Anglia who suggested that Jock Rider Haggard had been fatally poisoned by the carbolic acid added to his bath as a treatment for measles.

Carbolic acid can penetrate the skin, or in Haggard's case the vapour could have been inhaled from the hot bath. Carbolic acid poisoning gives rise to severe gastro-intestinal symptoms or in other cases renal failure.

Haggard's death was attributed to perforation of gastric ulcers, an interesting diagnosis as the terminal event in many cases of renal failure is perforation of a gastric ulcer.

'Tis the season to be jolly careful, particularly at the Christmas table, warns **Dr James Le Fanu**

The perils of plum pudding

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Rainey's late-Victorian vision of pudding and its consequences. Today's doctors are still all too familiar with the effects of over-indulgence

Writing in the December issue of *Tribune* for 1946, George Orwell reminded his readers, "The whole point of Christmas is that it is a debauch . . . it is not a day of temperate enjoyment, but of fierce pleasure," which we should be willing to pay for "with a certain amount of pain".

In that long-gone era of austerity and rationing the quality and diversity of what most of us will consume on Christmas Day would have seemed wonderfully extravagant. But people are never content. So in this puritanical age, the excesses of Christmas are tantamount to mortal sin and the aesthetic and allegedly healthier dietary habits of post-war Britain are viewed with a misty-eyed nostalgia.

Orwell was right. The point of Christmas is: "The battle with platefuls of turkey, the flaming plum pudding and the Christmas cake with almond icing an inch thick".

> 'The plastic robin from the Christmas cake had perforated the wall of her abdomen'

even if there is "peevishness the next morning and castor oil on December 27."

For physiologists and doctors, Christmas provides another opportunity, a classic experimental situation in which to study the effects of a large calorie intake on the human organism.

Dr Rury Holman, consultant physician at Oxford's Radcliffe Infirmary, monitored the weight, blood fat and insulin levels of 35 subjects in the two months around Christmas. Insulin levels rose immediately after Christmas Day, followed a week later by a significant rise in the serum cholesterol and triglycerides. There was an average weight gain of half a stone which persisted for most of January. Dr Holman calculates that most of his subjects consumed the equivalent of two extra days worth of food in the five days over Christmas.

More immediately, John Hampton, professor of medicine at Nottingham University, has examined the strain on the heart imposed by a typical Christmas lunch (a standard festive meal of poultry, mince pies and wine).

In his six healthy volunteers, the amount of work done by the heart — the cardiac output — increased by a third to accommodate the greater bloodflow to the stomach necessary in digesting a meal. This rise in cardiac output is clinically significant for those whose coronary arteries are narrowed by atheroma, and can precipitate a post-prandial bout of angina. It may even be lethal, as a pathologist observed in a letter to *The Lancet*, "I have noted full stomachs in several people with severe heart disease who died of an acute heart attack," he comments. "Such patients are definitely at risk following a large meal, the danger being compounded by alcohol, which further raises the cardiac output."

Christmas lunch is thus clearly hazardous, but there can be few more pleasant ways to go than passing out on the sofa, and then passing on to the next world, having enjoyed one last meal in the bosom of the family.

In a further experiment that bears directly on the traditional dilemma of whether it is better to sleep off a heavy Christmas lunch in front of the fire, or burn it off by taking the dog for a brisk jog, the 13th-century Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II "caused two men to be given a good meal", after which one was allowed to rest and the other made to perform strenuous exercise.

"Subsequently," according to a former professor of physiology at London University, "he had them both disembowelled in his presence." The rested man's stomach was empty, he having obviously digested his meal, while that of the man forced to exercise was still full.

More sophisticated investigations have added little to Frederick's original observations, which were confirmed six centuries later, albeit in dogs, by the great Russian scientist Pavlov. Exercise inhibits digestion by slowing the progress of foods through the gut, so it remains slopping around in the stomach, causing nausea and discomfort. However, 50 years ago a group of doctors at Guy's Hospital conducted some research and found that vigorous exercise inhibited stomach emptying only if it was unpleasant. Amicable walking and talking enhanced it.

There are a further series of prosaic dangers associated with the Christmas festivities. Two years ago, a 40-year-old man was admitted to Greenwich Hospital on Christmas Day with acute obstruction of the gut. At operation this was found to be due to a large orange balloon stuck in his duodenum. He made an uneventful recovery, as did an woman aged 86 who developed peritonitis on Boxing Day and from whose abdomen was retrieved the plastic robin used to decorate the Christmas cake. His beak had perforated her gut wall.

More tragically Dr Ann Savage, of Selly Oak Hospital in Birmingham, has described a late complication of Christmas.

A 38-year-old man was admitted "pale, confused and with no recordable blood pressure". Attempts at resuscitation failed and at necropsy half a cocktail stick was found to have perforated through the oesophagus into the main blood vessel — the aorta — running behind it.

"At the inquest," Dr Savage writes, "his wife stated that on Christmas Day they had been eating sausages wrapped in a piece of bacon, secured by a cocktail stick. These were difficult to see and she herself had found one in her mouth and removed it. Her husband jokingly said he must have swallowed his" — as indeed he had.

These hazards of Christmas aside, few could disagree with George Orwell's stirring conclusion to his *Tribune* article: "One celebrates a feast for its own sake — so let there be no gloomy voices of vegetarians or teetotallers to lecture us about the things we are doing to the linings of our stomachs."

Not such ugly ducklings

Therapy could help those disabled by the belief that they are hideous

Andrew is a 37-year-old unemployed, unmarried man. He looks normal and his intellectual ability is above average. But he has no friends, lives with his parents and hardly ever goes out of the house.

He is crippled by a belief that he is ugly, a conviction he has held for more than 20 years. He has grown a thick beard to hide most of his features, but still spends many hours each day in front of the mirror checking his appearance. At university, he spent most of the time in his bedroom and dropped out after two years.

Andrew has a complaint known as body dysmorphic disorder, in which victims are preoccupied with an imagined defect in their physical appearance. Sufferers' fears may focus on facial characteristics, such as wrinkles, spots, scars and the size of the nose, or on other parts of the body, such as the genitals, breasts, buttocks, hands or feet. One woman teacher had to leave her job because she kept rushing out of the classroom to check whether the supposedly prominent red veins on her face were adequately covered by make-up.

Doctors have recorded many other examples of bizarre behaviour, such as the woman who always drove through red traffic lights on her motorcycle so that no one would notice her "excessive" facial hair.

The singer Michael Jackson shows signs of the disorder, according to some doctors, because of the way he has insisted on changing so many aspects of his face and body by plastic surgery. Psychiatrists think that the numbers affected have probably been underestimated in the past, because many are too ashamed to seek help. Of those who do, many go direct to a dermatologist or plastic surgeon rather than to a GP or psychiatrist.



Michael Jackson shows signs of the obsessive disorder

Now two psychologists and two doctors, led by Dr David Veale, consultant psychiatrist at Grovelands Priory hospital, north London, have decided to see whether cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) can help. They are planning a pilot study, in which they will compare the effect of CBT with providing no treatment at all.

The team is seeking 20 patients with similar symptoms, who will be randomly allocated to one of two groups. One group will undergo a 12-week course of therapy while the other half receives nothing. At the end of the 12 weeks, their symptoms will be compared.

The second group will then be given a course of treatment, as it would be unethical to deny patients help, but the results will not be part of the trial.

If the pilot scheme is successful the team hopes to conduct a much larger trial, in which they will compare CBT with drug treatment and with a combination of the two. All volunteers will be treated free.

Dr Veale says: "The disorder has many similarities to obsessive compulsive disorder. In both conditions, patients avoid doing certain things like going out, and go through elaborate checking rituals. We do not know how successful drug treatment is because the scientific literature so far contains only case histories, not controlled trials."

The therapy method has three strands. First, the doctor will try to persuade the patients to face up to their worse fears by "graded exposure" to them. If, for example, a patient always covers up her face with heavy make-up to hide the "hideous blemishes", she will be persuaded to leave off just a little at first, to see what happens, then a little more.

Second, the team will teach "ritual prevention", to the patients and their friends and relatives, advising that endless reassurance only encourages the patient to go on seeking it.

Dr Veale explains: "People with BDD are similar to those with hypochondria. They want certainty. They want someone to *guarantee* that there is nothing wrong with them. Sufferers have to learn to stop all their checking rituals and live with uncertainty. As long as they go on demanding such guarantees, they will go on disturbing themselves."

Finally, the team will try to persuade their patients to develop different attitudes. "These patients become so obsessed with their imagined defects, that they see themselves as that defect and nothing else.

"We do not know whether this therapy will work, but it does help in three-quarters of those patients with obsessive compulsive disorder, reducing their symptoms by about 60 per cent."

For Andrew and the hundreds of others who are too ashamed to seek help, the pilot study could be an important first step.

ANNABEL FERRIMAN

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■ Television's seasonal fare threatens to swamp even the cineaste

Alas, I am disturbed again, troubled this time by the number 700. Numerology was never my strongest academic interest, but 700 sounds vaguely apocalyptic to me, a case of "I have given you signs, and their number numbereth 700, but as usual you took no notice, did you, utterly hopeless thou art at interpreting signs in my opinion, so as for me, I'm off, that's it". Look in the Book of Revelation and I'll wager we find 700 pale riders thundering athwart the ruby plain; trip into J.R.R. Tolkien and there are bound to be 700 massive oaks planted without an inch between them, lending the place to perpetual night and despair.

What has caused this sudden interest, you might ask. Why has the number 700 assumed significance? I will tell you. On the cover of the current double issue of *Radio Times* — don't look — it's there: "Over 700 films" it declares proudly, in a big red dot in the bottom left-hand corner. And, well, er, that's it.

Call me a certifiable schizophrenic, but I do think this is alarming. Obviously it is not on the same level as a stampede dust-storm on the far horizon, announcing the imminent unstoppable arrival of 700 mob-handed oak trees, but it is a portent nonetheless. Presumably there are many people who will not share this sense of disquiet; who think that 700 films is not enough, and that moreover there is *never* anything on the telly. To them, I have nothing to say. My own immediate concern is how to wangle it, with the aid of a satellite dish, five video recorders, a dedicated back-up team and a large supply of Buzz Gum, so that I can watch the lot. I just feel that *someone's got to do it*, or else we are in hell.

I don't know what else to suggest.

If only the great Edwardian ghost story writer M.R. James were alive, I feel sure he would know how to handle the full horror of the situation, moreover with a suitably spooky, Christmassy feel. A pale young archaeologist, perhaps, might tell his story to a chance acquaintance (the narrator) on a train to the seaside, whence he had been sent for the recovery of his reason. He would remember with a shudder how a light-hearted wager with his fellow students, while on a coastal dig in bleak Northumberland ("Yes, I'll watch all the films on telly over Christmas! Let's drink deep to that!"), had turned into a nightmare of horribleness when he bought the *Radio Times* and left it in a room by itself.

"What's this, Edmund?" his uncle enquired, one day, emerging from the room with the *Radio Times* in his hand. "There is a large figure emblazoned hereon, which inexplicably gives me strange unease."

Edmund did not look up. "You must mean the two hundred films of Christmas," he laughed.

"You are mistaken, nephew," came the unsettling reply. "It says *three* hundred here . . ."

"Nonsense, uncle!"

"Indeed it does, my nephew, or I'm a madman."

Of course, as a rational young scholar, Edmund was not at once disturbed by this. He replaced the *Radio Times* in its former spot and persevered with his pioneering study, which happened to be the taxonomy of hallowed dust, AD 1100 to AD 1350.

Needless to say, it was dry work. Suddenly he felt an urge to check his *Radio Times* again. Thereafter (as he told me) he always wished he had resisted, that the dust had held his full attention. For now, clear as day, the number had changed again. It said 328. He gripped the wall in fear.

So this was how he found himself on that train to Brighton, telling me the story. Over the subsequent days, he had looked in horror at that magazine (through knitted fingers) and at every point he found the number had gone up. Telling me about it, his hand shook, and he seemed afraid either to look me in the eye or cast a glance out of the window. I will never forget his final words, as we made our farewells on that chilly station platform, the first lights twinkling in the grey as we gazed down Queen Street towards the pier and wintry sea. "It was seven hundred when I left!" he cried. "It may even be more by now!"



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"FRANKLY, I'M INCENSED"

When yes means maybe

In the looking-glass world of high finance, a word can mean a million things — or another million lost

Bernard Levin

Just listen to this: "If you tell the man in the street, funds are available, he understands that there is a pile of cash next door. But when a corporate financier says it, it does not mean quite the same. Most people in the City know that."

Oh, they do, do they? Then be so kind as to classify me as the man in the street, one of the peculiar band who believe that "funds are available" means that funds are available. And just in case there is any doubt about the matter — after all, the story I am to unfold hinged on that very question — I have left a document with my solicitors, which states that, in my opinion, the words "funds are available", even painted on the pavement in Threadneedle Street — nay, set to music in the key of D minor, means that funds are available.

The story, found in the Pink'un and growing mushrooms by now, is about one Ian McIntosh. When the curtain rises, Mr McIntosh is head of corporate finance, whatever that might be, at the firm of Samuel Montagu. (I once, very many years ago, met the then head of Montagu, and I had an uneasy feeling that things might go wrong, because he made clear that he didn't understand how the pools work. Well, I mean . . .)

Anyway, some incomprehensible deal was going through, and it seems that this Mr McIntosh was in charge. All was going well, until Mr M was asked whether the client he was steering had the funds — oh, those funds, we shall meet them more than once before this story is over! — to complete the purchase that was about to be clinched. And Mr McIntosh said "Yes", just like that. And now (I leap over the intricacies in one bound), somebody has been ordered to pay somebody's damages to the tune of a hundred and seventy-two million smackers. I could do a lot with that.

I have always kept in mind the precept that warns against trying to do things which are manifestly beyond our powers. But that's easy, at least fairly easy. The real test comes when you persuade yourself that you could, say, become an expert bungee jumper, and the next thing you know you fall into the River Severn and are never seen again.

But take me: no such fate will befall me, because no such folly would I ever commit. For instance, I have never sat on any part of any horse, and the horses — noble beasts that they are — have reciprocated by never sitting on any part of me. And that will be the situation to the end, where I am concerned.

So it is with high finance, and so it shall remain. There was never any danger, for instance, of my becoming a Name at Lloyds and being ruined, because so far from understanding how Lloyd's works, I cannot remember which is the Lloyd's with the apostrophe and which the Lloyds without it, as indeed you can see from this paragraph.

Be calm, there will be sense talked fairly soon, but I must first go on for a bit longer about Mr McIntosh. I learn that the litigation over this business has been going on for five years (oh, mother, mother, why did you not apprentice me to a lawyer — by now I would have ruined hundreds and *hundreds* of perfectly inoffensive people, for huge, nay, gigantic fees?), and the end is by no means in sight. Obviously, the corporate finance business is crawling with corporate financiers, and one of them, *sotto voce*, gave his opinion that he would not, today, sign that which he would yesterday have signed quite happily, because "the judgment did not take full account of what Mr McIntosh meant by his reply".

Now that, I have to say, takes the Levin breath away. Mr M's answer was, in its entirety, "Yes". You can read it backwards, you can translate it into any number of foreign words meaning yes, you can parse it, you can — if they will agree — get the monks of a Trappist monastery, line them up, and have them nod silently in chorus, but for you and me there is one meaning to the word "Yes".

But not in high finance. There — well, I'll quote again — "... other bankers argued that they would be wary about making such an unqualified verbal assurance in a minuted meeting. It would be more common to sign a letter with a number of disclaimers and conditions." Well, yes. Indeed, I should think that if business like that is being done, the participants would be wise to have an enormous sack of disclaimers and another one of conditions. Now, I have heard that there are tribes in remote countries who are willing to make monetary and other pledges with no documents involved, nor even verbal promises; indeed, it is said that these trusting folk rely on a handshake or a kiss; nor is that the end of their generous simplicity, because some of them are willing to lend money in this world to be paid back in the next.

But not, I repeat, in the world of high finance. And here a mystery raises its corporate head. Come back for a moment to Mr McIntosh and the five years of litigation that followed his somewhat romantic reply which caused all the trouble. Come back also to the high-finance experts who interpreted the word "Yes" to mean "... that an assurance that a client has funds usually means there is a credit facility in place from banks. However, such credit facilities will usually contain provisions that mean that they can be withdrawn in some circumstances ..." Come back, if your nerves will stand it, to the original Fayed *v* Lonrho match, which had — no, I shall not take sides. And having come to all those enticing circles of high finance, turn to my question.

Here it is. If it fell to you, would you allow any of these people — "Yes, men", "However men", "Perhaps men" and all the other categories involved in this enormous ball of wool — would you allow any one of them to go to the corner supermarket to buy you a pint of milk and a Mars bar, with any hope at all that they might come back with something roughly like what was ordered (say, two dozen sausages and a packet of frozen peas)? You wouldn't? No, nor would I.

Are we hypnotised when we contemplate the people who direct the world of high finance? For consider: if you engaged a man to replace a broken slate on the roof of your house, and then went out for the day, only to find, when you returned, that instead of dealing with the slate the workman had painted the entire outside of your house, including all the windows, a particularly nasty shade of green, would you not think that the workman in the case was — how shall I put it? — not quite up to the job?

There is no suggestion in this business that anyone was breaking, or trying to break, any law; I am tempted to say that it would have been better if someone had been, though I suppose the outfits concerned would fetch up with a bunch of incompetent crooks. For look at BCCI — now they *were* crooked; but where were the scrupulously honest guardians and watchdogs and sniffers-out-of-rip-offs? Again, I ask, are we on Cloud Nine when billions are being discussed? It cannot be just that we do not understand high finance, though we don't, because that would be true of any complex matter; I am sure. I would not understand the intricacies of nuclear fission, but then I wouldn't press the button. In the world of high finance the place is deafening with the pressing of buttons — buttons, mind you, that are pressed largely at random.

Here is a comment from one in the world we are discussing; asked what would be the outcome of this apparently eternal merry-go-lawyer, he said:

> I suppose it will make some sloppy operators tighten up a bit. But it is bog standard to be asked to give this sort of assurance. Not many people will give them without being positive that they are telling the truth.

Perhaps we have been looking in the wrong direction; have I not heard of a remote language in which Yes means No? If I am wrong, how about *inventing* such a language; why, Mr McIntosh could be our first teacher of it.

I shall never be enormously rich — rich enough to join the club where Yes means perhaps. But couldn't I be allowed to sit in on the doings of those who really understand how high finance works, and indeed who make huge fortunes in the business before losing it all and more? The awful truth, I fear, is that if, in such a session, I were to cough gently, and they politely paused in their labours and asked what I wanted to say, and I pointed out that — contrary to the words of the document they had just signed — twice two make four, not thirty-nine and a bit, they would smile charmingly and murmur that I do not understand high finance. And I would have to say that indeed I do not, and say under my breath that I don't want to, either.

Inkatha remains unmoved

R.W. Johnson on Chief Buthelezi's brinkmanship

The news that the African National Congress has reached agreement with the Afrikaner Volksfront (AVF) over the principle of "Afrikaner self-determination" hugely increases the pressure on Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party, which is currently engaged in last-ditch talks with the ANC and the government. This in turn could splinter the Freedom Alliance — the coalition formed by the AVF, Inkatha and the Ciskei and Bophuthatswana homelands.

From the moment the alliance was formed, there were ANC strategists who were quietly appalled to find they had succeeded in driving the toughest elements of the white right into the same corner as the country's second biggest black movement. For while it was assumed that an ANC government could simply roll over any resistance from the other homelands, Chief Buthelezi undoubtedly has a significant power-base within the area of the ancient Zulu kingdom. It is possible to imagine that if he is pushed too far he might carry out a form of unilateral independence, and that the only way to compel his obedience might be by ordering in the security forces. But the generals who head the AVF are widely assumed to command significant loyalty among both the officer class and lower ranks of the security forces. If they were to side flatly with Chief Buthelezi, it might be all but impossible to order the security forces into action.

It was this fear that has made the ANC work so hard, both to persuade the alliance not to boycott the election as it threatens, and to split its elements from one another. If the ANC really can placate the AVF's clamour for some form of white *volkstaat*, then Chief Buthelezi will stand all but isolated. Already Inkatha is openly split, with its parliamentary wing making frantic efforts to reach a deal — efforts which have been openly disavowed by the hardline Walter Felgate, Chief Buthelezi's adviser and speechwriter. Now, with the pressure increasing on Inkatha, Mr Felgate has been replaced as chief negotiator by the far more emollient Ben Ngubane. There are frequent reports of an impending ANC-Inkatha deal, under which greater fiscal powers would be conceded to the regions, the KwaZulu name would be retained and regions would be given the right to devise their own constitutions.

Yet it would be unwise to trust this media hype too far. For a start, the extreme right is bound to reject whatever compromise the AVF may reach. Moreover, the interest of the ANC and the government — both experts in news manipulation — is to create media pressure on Inkatha to settle. But this will not be enough to do the trick. The reason Mr Felgate can be so tough is that Chief Buthelezi is himself a hardliner. There is no evidence that Chief Buthelezi would be satisfied with a deal of this sort, and he has emphatically stated that he will not lead his party into the election. Chief Buthelezi is not a man to change so public a stand easily or quickly, nor will he be satisfied with any deal which removes from him his police powers in KwaZulu. He repeatedly points to the 300 Inkatha officials assassinated by the ANC, and he undoubtedly believes that an ANC government would like to see him dead or broken and his movement smashed. To relinquish power over his own police force in such a situation would, he feels, be tantamount to suicide.

Similarly, the easy assumption that Inkatha will split and run into the election whatever Chief Buthelezi says, is too facile. Such is his dominance that it would be more or less impossible for the party to run without him. So the conundrum remains. Chief Buthelezi believes that Inkatha is caught in a virtual war to the death with the ANC, and the concessions necessary to placate it are not yet on the table. Despite all the pressures to conclude a deal, these supposedly last-minute negotiations could well continue into 1994.

BBC balance

TORY MPs, many of whom still believe the BBC has a bias to the left, may be reassured by the fact that Samir Shah, the corporation's new Westminster supremo, is a man practised in the art of political compromise. Very practised.

Thirteen years ago at St Catherine's College, Oxford, (John Birt's old college), Shah submitted a PhD thesis which encompassed both a radical Marxist-structuralist analysis and a more conventional probe of the rag trade in London's Brick Lane.

"In effect he produced two theses, one I wanted him to produce and one which he wanted to produce," says social geography professor Ceri Peach, who is acting-master of St Catherine's. "He showed a willingness to look at things from a variety of angles."

Nor for the last time. It was Shah who was famously criticised for postponing a BBC *Panorama* programme just before the last election. He replaced the documentary — which many thought pointed the finger at the Government for causing the recession — with a tamer (more Birtian, some said) studio discussion.

So what sort of man is Shah? "He was extremely energetic and hardworking — a great student," says Peach. "In the early days he reminded me of Charles II, whose wife Catherine of Braganza gave Bombay to Britain as a dowry. It seemed rather appropriate: Shah's family comes from Bombay and he had long hair and wore ringlets."

● *A group of 100 Glasgow schoolchildren was disappointed on Sunday when their flight to Lapland to see Santa was called off — because of snow. Worse still, the accompanying adults had to return their duty free.*

Naughty Porgy

THOSE who spend Boxing Day night glued to the first television screening of *Porgy and Bess* might spare a charitable thought for Gershwin fans in the Middle East.

Television rights for the opera have been sold across the world, Japan, Korea, and European countries will all screen it. But the Arab world will have nothing to do with Trevor Nunn's version. Its governments will not countenance the street scenes. "There is obvious drug-taking, and in that part of the world any indication of it is unacceptable," says Richard Price, whose company, Prime Time, shot the £2.2 million production for the BBC. "Sportin' Life offers Bess a white substance, and she takes it." And as we all know, there's not much snow in the Middle East.



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Bunny girl

WHETHER Prince Edward's new girlfriend can be personally blamed for foisting Mr Blobby upon us is unclear, but Sophie Rhys-Jones is no slouch when it comes to public relations. Earlier this year she masterminded a memorable Easter Bunny campaign.

Posters of rabbits in green bow-ties holding empty egg baskets were accompanied by the slogan: "You can't put too many eggs in this basket." The public was asked to buy "egg stickers" at 20p a throw to raise money for the Macmillan Nurse Appeal. "It was a lovely poster, with the bunnies peering into the basket. She oversaw all the artwork," muses Jill Phillips, national promotions manager at Macmillan. "It brought in about £15,000."

Coo, what is it?

THE January issue of *The Field* — required reading for the shooting classes — carries a cover photograph of Koo Stark, the photographer formerly linked with the Duke of York. Other than Bimbo, Stark's white cockatoo (who is perched on her shoulder), Stark looks entirely suitable for the magazine's sedate readership. But only thanks to an airbrush, it seems.

When the photograph arrived at the magazine, Stark had been captured wearing her favourite diamond stud — in her nose.

Jonathan Young, the magazine's editor, immediately rang her requesting permission to remove it. "It was enough excitement for our readers to have her on the cover in the first place. You don't get nose-studs in the country — they might scare the birds off your shoot. She was most understanding."

Band aid

DR TONY REDMOND, the 42-year-old trauma surgeon who led yesterday's evacuation of injured Bosnians, also wields a mean lead guitar.

But Redmond, whose medical skills have taken him to the Armenian earthquake, Lockerbie and the Kurdish refugee camps, is still struggling to make his name as a guitarist. "He is brilliant," says his personal assistant Susan Broadley. "He put himself through university playing rock and folk music."

Redmond still has to meet his heroes Eric Clapton and Paul McCartney, but that will change if Broadley has her way. "I'm writing to *Jim'll Fix It* to see if he can arrange for Tony to meet Paul McCartney."

Who'd wanna?

WITH the death of Sam Wanamaker depriving the Globe of its founder, fundraiser and leading man, the question on



every Shakespeare-lover's lips is, who can fill his role? A strong possibility is his daughter, the actress Zoë Wanamaker. The trustees of the Globe, anxious to move sensitively, have discussed the possibility with her, but she has not yet made a decision.

If she does accept, there will be widespread jubilation. Michael Perry, who heads the Globe's trustees, says: "It would fill her friends and admirers with satisfaction and pleasure. She is anxious for work to continue."

But would her father approve? Perry is not certain. "Sam was protective of his family, and so he would have discouraged her from taking it on. But he would have been proud too."

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A DIFFERENT UNION

The declaration on Ulster has raised questions great and small

Less than a week since the historic Anglo-Irish declaration on Ulster, the awkward detail beneath the soothing generalities is beginning to emerge. John Major and Albert Reynolds, the Irish taoiseach, should be relieved by the generally moderate reaction of Unionists to the document in the last six days. But broad statements of good intent were always likely to be welcomed by the inhabitants of the province. In the specific points of the peace plan are its true tests.

On Sunday, Mr Reynolds unwisely raised the possibility of an amnesty for Republican prisoners: a mistake which Gerry Adams, president of the IRA's political wing, gladly exploited yesterday. Although Mr Major has appeared to waver on the question of an amnesty in the past, he gave an "absolute commitment" last week that no such deal would be struck by his government. Mr Reynolds should have supported this stance. Instead, he has left open an issue which should not be subject to negotiation.

The IRA's 700 prisoners, half of whom are held in in the high-security Maze-Long Kesh prison in Northern Ireland, are an essential part of its structure. Members of the so-called "fifth battalion" regard themselves as political prisoners, entitled to release *en masse* when peace is achieved. Yet the criminal law is indifferent to ideological affiliation. Membership of a political organisation does not entitle a man such as Patrick Magee, who killed five people in the 1984 Brighton bomb, to early release. The most that IRA prisoners can hope for is that individual parole applications may be considered more favourably after a lengthy and successful ceasefire.

The massive explosion in Londonderry at the weekend was bitter proof that peace is still a distant prospect. But it is vital that the terms of a prospective ceasefire be set well in advance if Mr Major's initiative is to bear fruit. He must explain, for example, whether a ceasefire deal would involve immunity from prosecution. The prime minister's decision to allow Sinn Fein to come to the conference table only 12 weeks after hostilities cease was an error which must be balanced by strict terms governing disarmament. The IRA and Loyalist paramilitary groups should be required to hand over weapons to a neutral arms dump, on the understanding that no forensic testing will be carried out. Though such a measure could not be completely effective, it would make it harder for terrorists to renew their campaign should peace talks falter.

On one point Mr Major has been completely frank. Challenged to reconcile the strong Unionist rhetoric of his election campaign with the neutral language of last week's declaration, he has described his Unionist conviction with great precision as a "personal right". Though he himself believes in the Union, he does not appear to regard it as a cornerstone of British national identity or of the Conservative tradition. Should the majority in Northern Ireland wish to leave the United Kingdom, he will happily facilitate reunification. Thus the prime minister has distanced himself still further from the waning Tory Unionism of Bonar Law, Randolph Churchill and Enoch Powell. An article of party faith has become a clear matter of private conscience.

This shift in constitutional thinking should inspire careful reflection. For many, the health of the Union has been a measure of Britain's stature and exceptional character. The great constitutionalist A. V. Dicey regarded the Union as the most glorious achievement of the British parliamentary system and any weakening of it as a sign of decay. This intellectual creed may be outdated in a Europe which aspires to greater regionalism; few Britons now feel the passionate faith in the Union that roused hundreds of thousands to action during the Home Rule debate 80 years ago. But no nation should tamper carelessly with its deepest roots. In its challenge to old ideas of Britishness, Mr Major's initiative has implications far beyond the steeples of Fermanagh and Tyrone.

HANDLE WITH CARE

Reformers must join forces against Zhirinovsky

Any politician as venomous and manipulative as Vladimir Zhirinovsky is bound to attract attention. His astonishing initial success in Russia's elections has caused alarm in the West, among Russia's East European neighbours and in the unstable post-Soviet governments of the "near abroad". The leader of the Liberal Democratic Party of Russia (LDPR) has skilfully exploited his sudden notoriety. Filling the vacuum while President Yeltsin dithers, he is talking as though he were already setting the course of Russia's new policies at home and abroad, demanding a new sphere of world influence for Moscow and laying down terms for cooperation with Mr Yeltsin and potential coalition partners.

The world should listen carefully to Mr Zhirinovsky. But it must avoid pandering to his paranoia and delusions. He won nearly a quarter of the vote from the party lists, but only six seats in individual constituencies. His party is not, as feared, the strongest in the new parliament, and he will probably end up controlling no more than a seventh of the seats. The reform parties have promised to ostracise him and are attempting to build an anti-fascist alliance: Viktor Chernomyrdin, the prime minister, is even hinting that he could make common cause with the communists in some areas.

Few Russians voted for the bizarre and thuggish LDPR constituency candidates, proving perhaps that Mr Zhirinovsky has short coat-tails and an insignificant party structure. His support was a cri de coeur from voters against bungled reform, corruption, rising crime, falling living standards, hopelessness, suffering and the baleful, pervasive influence of the mafia. Yet neither Mr Yeltsin nor the reformers have recovered from the shock of their setback. The president should have seized the initiative the moment his constitution was passed and his powers officially enhanced. Instead he remains paralysed, virtually invisible, sacking some minor official scapegoats but curiously unwilling to thrust himself back to the forefront of politics. The demoralised reformers are still bickering among each other, and have announced neither a radical change of course nor a redoubling of efforts to give substance to privatisation and the sale of land.

What troubles them, as it does the West, are the frustrations represented by Mr Zhirinovsky: the yearning for hardline, simplistic solutions, the xenophobia, nostalgia for former Russian power, the dangerous disaffection in the military and the collapse of national morale. The solutions proposed by academics such as Yegor Gaidar seem brutally removed from the realities of gutter politics, and it is this realisation that inhibits their counter-attack.

The West has already indicated that Russia may be beyond the prescriptions of the International Monetary Fund. It is already bracing itself for a new nationalism forced on Mr Yeltsin by the LDPR. Not only Nato, but other neutral countries are reassessing their hasty optimism over defence spending cuts. The West is still ready, however, to continue its new relationship with Moscow: the future of Russian democracy still lies in President Yeltsin's hands, even if they are now chapped by the harsh political climate. Mr Yeltsin and his allies must now grasp by the throat the common threat of Mr Zhirinovsky.

BRIEF BLOB ON THE LANDSCAPE

Populist celebrity leads short but harmless life

It is no longer possible to ignore Mr Blobby in the hope that he will go away before Christmas. His sub-pop record, elegantly entitled "Mr Blobby", has again risen to the top of the charts. The foolish bookmakers have lost hundreds of thousands of pounds against bets that so simple and silly a song would be Number One for Christmas. Blobbymania is fed by ephemeral accessories worth millions of pounds. Small children love his simplicity; so do retailers.

Even the uninitiated can easily recognise Mr Blobby. He is seven feet tall and almost spherical, pink with yellow spots and green eyes. He has three stubby fingers on each hand. To make him stand out, he wears a multi-coloured bow-tie. Inside the padding is a Shakespearean actor who enunciates his line as resonantly as Donald Wolfit. Outside is a silly creature made into a Postmodernist superstar by a television programme.

Official surrender to Mr Blobby came when John Redwood, the Secretary of State for Wales, told an audience of Cardiff businessmen that he longed to be like Mr Blobby. "Mr Blobby is a round, nice person, and no one has a bad thing to say about him. I have been called an axeman who has no sense of humour — his sort of popularity is something for me to aspire to." If politicians are going to aim at being cartoon characters, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Nicholas Soames are better equipped to be Blobbies, with more *insouciant* indifference to their images to carry it off. Mr Redwood, the dark Roundhead zealot of privatisation, the scourge of unmarried mothers and inefficiency in the Health Service, is more naturally cast as Snow White's lean and jealous stepmother.

But then politicians are not there to be loved — only to make the best of a bad job according to their beliefs, delusions and agenda. Mr Blobby is embarrassing; but he is not alone in that. The tides of populist enthusiasm are unpredictable and brief. Mr Blobby came to the top by accident rather than by marketing design. He appeals to some stereotype of popular love for the disadvantaged and clueless and undemanding. On his television programme he made his blob by not taking seriously the self-importance of ephemeral celebrities on which such programmes, mistakenly, rely.

This month's Blobby craze, absurd as he is, is not evidence of national degradation of intelligence. Taste, especially in pop music, is always dreadful at Christmas. Father Christmas and Old King Cole are no purist intellectuals. Mr Blobby is likely to have a short life, though a lucrative one. He represents an old English tradition of misrule and vulgarity. Politicians should be made of sterner stuff. They are in the longer term business of vulgarity, damage limitation, and re-election.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Warning over new police authorities

From Sir John Chatfield and others

Sir, The Government in its Bill to overhaul the police service (report and leading article, December 18) intends to reduce the number of members of each police authority to 16, five to be appointed by the Home Secretary, three magistrates and eight councillors. The Bill also empowers the Home Secretary to appoint and pay the chairman of the authority over their heads. The proposed reduction to eight elected members severely reduces the extent to which local representation can be achieved.

It has always been recognised and accepted that our system of policing (unlike that in many other countries) rests upon consent, a partnership between central government, chief constables, who are alone responsible for day-to-day operational matters, and the local community, who meet a substantial part of the cost.

The community is represented by elected councillors and by magistrates. At this local level the interaction between policing, education, transportation and social services provision and the active involvement of the community is essential.

What role are the Home Secretary's nominees meant to play and to whom are they supposed to be accountable? Whom will the chairman of the authority actually represent? What is likely to happen in the event of a change of government, perhaps to that of a different political complexion?

These ill-judged proposals represent a dangerous step towards a politicised national police force. They are irrelevant to the battle against crime and the improved efficiency of the police service which we all support.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN CHATFIELD
(Chairman,
Sussex Police Authority, 1982-85),
F. KEEN (1985-88),
PATRICIA DRAKE (1988-91),
JOHN SHERIDAN (1991-93),
Sussex Police Authority,
Pelham House, Lewes, East Sussex.
December 20.

Town hall review

From Mr Rod Brackley

Sir, On December 10 you reported Sir John Banham in his capacity as chairman of the Local Government Commission, as saying: "It worries me that hard-up councils and districts are spending vast amounts trying to convince us of their case. *Their presentation will make no difference*" (my italics).

Sir John might like to know that my council is currently contending with a 40-page document which details the kind of comprehensive submission we are expected to make with regard to local government reorganisation in this part of the world. Sent to us by Sir John's own commission, it arrived here only last week, in advance of his revelation that, whatever councils and districts say, "their presentation will make no difference".

In light of Sir John's comment, perhaps he could explain why we have already had to provide several hundred pages of information to the commission at its request, and are now further asked to submit a 20-page justification of our case, plus supporting documentation.

If this is how the review of local government in England is being conducted, it's no wonder that so much concern is being expressed so widely, and by so many.

Yours faithfully,
R. BRACKLEY
(Town Clerk and Chief Executive),
Carlisle City Council,
Civic Centre, Carlisle, Cumbria.
December 10.

Trouble in Algeria

From Mr Muazzam Ali

Sir, While you are correct in asserting in your leading article, "Bloody Algerian omens" (December 17), that suspension of elections in Algeria should now be seen as a serious tactical and political error, you are wrong in maintaining that the Islamic revival which the West calls fundamentalism is due to "frustration and anger over unemployment, corruption and political stagnation".

Why is it not possible for Western intellectuals and politicians to accept that Muslims want to establish their identity per se? The more the West tries to suppress the revival of Islam the more enemies it will create for itself.

By describing President Mubarak of Egypt as a "valuable ally of the West, and a bulwark of stability in the politics of his region" you will not endear him to his people. In fact, it will only serve to remind them of what the USA said of the Shah before the Islamic revolution in Iran.

Yours sincerely,
MUAZZAM ALI (Chairman),
International Centre for
Islamic Studies,
ICIS House,
144-146 King's Cross Road, WC1.

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With the postal delays that often occur at this time of year, it is useful, where possible, for letters to be faxed to 071-782 5046. Please give contact telephone numbers.

Future of the Serpentine Gallery

From Lord Bancroft and others

Sir, It is a sad day indeed for British cultural life when you have to report (December 11) that a minister of the Crown in the Department of National Heritage is planning to replace the Serpentine Gallery in Kensington Gardens with a Viennese-style riding school.

For a quarter of a century the gallery has presented, free of charge, a remarkable range of exhibitions (Henry Moore, Alberto Giacometti, Willem de Kooning, Anthony Caro, Andy Warhol and a host of other artists of fame and promise) attracting 200,000 visitors a year.

Whether or not we like all its manifestations, contemporary art is part of our culture. It must be the function of the department and its minister to protect the heritage of the future as well as the heritage of the past. The country can have both football and opera; does it really need to choose between riding and art?

Yours truly,
BANCROFT,
HARRISON BIRTWISTLE,
MICHAEL BLAKENHAM,
MICHAEL BREARLEY,
ALFRED BRENDEL,
ROGER de GRAY,
DOUGLAS WASS,
c/o 57 St George's Square, SW1.
December 18.

From Mr John Glover Wyllie

Sir, How I disagree with Richard Cork (Arts, December 14) in his support for the use of the Serpentine Gallery for "way out" contemporary art. Over the years I must have seen most of the exhibitions at this gallery and can hardly recall one which I enjoyed.

It is a fact that the art establishment in this country actively discourages realistic art, and it is encouraging that at last we have a minister, in Iain Sproat, who is prepared to meet this establishment head on.

If the Serpentine Gallery is not converted to a riding school it could be used to display more traditional art.

Yours sincerely,
J. GLOVER WYLLIE,
Wyllie Gallery,
44 (3) Elvaston Place, SW7.
December 14.

From Mr Keith Brace

Sir, In calling the possible closing down of the Serpentine Gallery a "tragedy" Richard Cork trivialises a noble word. The burning down of the National Gallery would be a tragedy. The possible fate of the Serpentine Gallery concerns only the minority who are actively interested in contemporary art; and if one gallery closes, there are others.

Fight to keep the Serpentine open by all means, but let's not talk about tragedies and the "sinister machinations" of Mr Iain Sproat.

Yours sincerely,
KEITH BRACE,
Greenbank, Frogmore Road,
Snitterfield,
Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire.
December 14.

Student funding

From Sir John Kingman, FRS, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bristol

Sir, Sir Graham Hills (letter, December 15) is right to stress that the cost of higher education respresents an investment, a good investment both for the community and for the individual student. It is therefore right that the cost should be shared between the taxpayer and the student, in a way that is seen to be fair and does not deter potential students from less favoured backgrounds.

The present system does have such a deterrent effect, and is socially unjust because only the (now derisory) maintenance grant depends on a student's family circumstances.

Discussion of alternative systems tends to concentrate on a loan scheme, covering a part of the cost of tuition as well as living costs, and with repayments depending on future income. Such a scheme would penalise upward mobility, and would inhibit wider access.

It is surely right that those families that can afford to do so should invest in the future of their children, not only through help with living expenses but also by contributing to the cost of their education.

What is needed is a balanced approach, in which the investment is shared between the taxpayer, the student's family and the future graduate.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN KINGMAN,
University of Bristol,
Senate House, Tyndall Avenue,
Bristol, Avon.
December 15.

Delors plan on growth

From Mr C. R. Smallwood

Sir, I do sympathise with Mr Leolin Price, QC (letter, December 20), about complaints on the last-minute delivery of M Jacques Delors's discussion document on growth before the European summit, but I do not understand why Mr Kenneth Clarke objected so strongly to the Delors plan for reviving European economies (report, December 10). As I understand it, M Delors wanted to create jobs by borrowing to pay for infrastructure projects across Europe such as the Channel tunnel rail link.

Mr Clarke apparently objected on the ground that it would be perverse for the Commission to start borrowing when member states are everywhere trying to reduce budget deficits, and because borrowing would push up interest rates. However, there is little connection between public deficits and interest rates. In Britain, for example, interest rates have collapsed as borrowing has soared.

If the Commission borrowed to spend money on infrastructure projects in Britain there would be a double benefit in reduced unemployment, which in turn would help to reduce the PSBR.

Why must we always produce this sort of knee-jerk reaction to what Brussels proposes?

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER SMALLWOOD,
3 Hampton Close, Wimbledon, SW20.
December 20.

Classical recordings

From Mr A. R. F. Carter

Sir, If a copy on one's shelf of *Three Tenors in Concert* and/or Gorecki's third-rate Third Symphony qualifies one as a classical music lover (letter, December 15), then probably 90 per cent of Britons are devotees of classical drama by reason of their ownership of a one-volume edition of the collected plays of Shakespeare.

The patent impossibility of defining accurately who are devotees of classical and/or rock and pop music must be balanced by the observation that interest in and devotion to "classic" art of any kind involves a commitment of time in which to experience the play or the music, or to examine and reflect on the work of art, a point to which your report (December 9) also refers.

If such statistics are really needed by observers of the social scene, it would be better to conduct market research on visitors to theatres, concerts, opera and galleries.

It is, after all, still possible, government funding notwithstanding, to enjoy live music and most other artistic experiences for the price of a CD.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD CARTER,
32 The Poles, Upchurch,
Sittingbourne, Kent.

Glue ear treatment

From Lady Ashley of Stoke

Sir, Aileen Ballantyne's article on glue ear treatment (Body and Mind, December 9) was welcome. She poses the question of how you balance a hearing loss known to be temporary against surgery that will restore the hearing immediately.

There are many factors to be considered. How long or short is "temporary"? Is it long enough for the loss to damage the child's development? And how great are the risks and trauma of surgery?

Until clinicians have answers to questions on the benefits and costs, including risk, of different treatments, they are working in the dark.

The Medical Research Council and the Hearing Research Trust are tackling these issues with new research projects on causes, effects and new treatments.

Much more can and should be done, but in the meantime we do know that if parents don't smoke their child's glue ear clears more quickly.

Yours faithfully,
PAULINE ASHLEY
(Chairman),
Hearing Research Trust,
330-332 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.
December 14.

Value for TV money

From Mr F. Paul Taylor

Sir, Lieutenant-Colonel R. M. Porter (letter, December 13) could have gone further with his comments on the compulsory levy we pay to finance commercial television. This levy has to meet the cost not only of ITV programmes but also of the advertisements, through the cost of the product.

Commercial television therefore costs us dear. It just happens to be paid for in small instalments.

Yours faithfully,
F. PAUL TAYLOR,
7 Kingsway, Frodsham, Cheshire.
December 13.

Whitehall pressures

From Mr Peter D. J. Wood

Sir, The production of long, voluminous ministerial briefs does not necessarily indicate "workaholicism" amongst the civil servants (letters, December 14, 17): the very opposite may well apply.

Was there not a permanent secretary who apologised to his minister for the length of his memorandum, regretting that he'd had insufficient time to write a short one?

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
P. D. J. WOOD,
2 St John's Road, Sevenoaks, Kent.
December 17.

Durham backed and berated

From Mr Basil C. Richards

Sir, In your leading article of December 15, "To Hell from Durham", you state: "The usefulness of [the bishop's] pronouncements is precisely that they do provoke those with a firmer faith to debate the mysteries of the Christian Church." I am sure there are many Christians with a very firm faith likely to be provoked to anger rather than debate by the bishop's comments. I am thinking not so much about his remarks on the precise nature of Hell but about more fundamental matters such as the Resurrection and the Virgin Birth.

But what about those whose faith is not so firm? What about those new to the faith? What about those Christians who are not intellectually gifted or young people just learning about Christianity?

I wonder if the bishop gives any thought to the confusion he might be creating in the minds of ordinary Christians. His views may be suitable for private discussion by a few theologians or intellectuals, but why does he want to make them public?

Yours faithfully,
BASIL C. RICHARDS,
High Lawns, Wadhurst Road,
Frant, East Sussex.

From Mr George R. Nichols

Sir, Mrs Joanna Clark (letter, December 18) says that "most thinking Christians" do not expect Jesus to return, and she reminds us that scientific understanding has progressed over the past 2,000 years.

But the idea of Christ's return has always been ridiculed. The apostle Peter reminds us that "there shall come in the last days scoffers ... saying, Where is the promise of his coming? ... for all things continue as they were" (II Peter iii, 3-4).

Many, however, now as then, are prepared to accept the promise of Christ to return as it stands — perhaps regarding Him as a rather more reliable authority on what He will do than David Jenkins.

It would be well for "thinking Christians" to think that an infinite God has the right to do things beyond our comprehension.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE R. NICHOLS,
17 Tennison Road, SE25.
December 20.

From Sir David Crouch

Sir, The Bishop of Durham has done it again. He has made us think about our religious faith. He is one of the few leaders in the Church that have the courage to give us this opportunity. Most of his fellow bishops seem to be saying that we have no alternative but to accept a Middle Ages interpretation of what we should believe without question.

I say thank God for Dr Jenkins. We don't have to agree with him but what a stimulating man he is! If he was a mere country parson his views would go unnoticed, but as he is a bishop they make headlines. I hope we hear more from him for I believe he might even drag the Church kicking and screaming into the 21st century.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID CROUCH,
The Athenaeum, Pall Mall, SW1.
December 20.

From Miss A. A. Kelly

Sir, The Bishop of Durham, as a private person, is entitled to his views: no one is now likely to burn him at the stake in Broad Street, Oxford.

What I object to is that he should express them *ex cathedra*. They are not the views he vowed to uphold, and in the circumstances he should not still be sitting on the comfortable cushion of his ecclesiastical income. He should have resigned his see many years ago so that he could express his ideas as a layman.

Yours faithfully,
ALISON KELLY,
Flat 8, 34 Phillimore Gardens, W8.
December 20.

From Mr Andrew Thomson

Sir, I believe that the Bishop of Durham is best judged by his own words. During his interview yesterday with David Frost (report, December 20) he said "I think ..." 17 or 18 times. If he said "I believe" once, I never heard him say it.

Yours etc,
ANDREW THOMSON,
3 Caverton Mains,
Kelso, Roxburghshire.
December 20.

From the Reverend Dr J. Barry Shucksmith

Sir, Thank you for your coverage of the Bishop of Durham's comments on cardinal Christian doctrines. It has strengthened my faith in the existence of a personal Devil.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY SHUCKSMITH,
The Rectory,
Scawby Road, Broughton,
Brigg, South Humberside.
December 20.

From Mr Tom Weiss

Sir, When is the Bishop of Durham going to be sacked?

Yours faithfully,
TOM WEISS,
106 Deanway,
Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.
December 20.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 17: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, today visited the 9th Battalion the Royal Irish Regiment in Northern Ireland.

Captain Neil Blair RN, Major Joyce Gillison and Captain Rupert Maitland-Titterton were in attendance.

December 18: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, today visited the 3rd Battalion the Royal Irish Regiment in Northern Ireland.

Captain Neil Blair RN, Major Joyce Gillison and Captain Rupert Maitland-Titterton were in attendance.

December 20: Professor Sir Norman Blacklock was received by The Queen upon his retirement as Medical Officer to Her Majesty abroad.

By command of The Queen, Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt (Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Oxfordshire) was present at Royal Air Force Brize Norton today upon the Departure of the King and Queen of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and bade farewell to Their Majesties on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 20: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, this morning attended a trade fair of North London businesses supported by the trust and opened Pentland Group's new conference centre at the Pentland Centre, Squires Lane, Finchley, London N3.

Mr Matthew Butler was in attendance.

Reception

Mr D. Sandford and Miss M. Tomison

A reception was held on Thursday, December 16, on the House of Commons Terrace to celebrate the engagement of David Sandford and Maureen Tomison. The host was the Right Hon Dame Angela Rumbold, DBE, MP, and the guests included:

The Right Hon Kenneth Clarke, MP, the Right Hon John MacGregor, MP, and Mrs MacGregor, the Right Hon John Gummer, MP, and Mrs Gummer, the Right Hon Virginia Bottomley, MP, and Mr Peter Bottomley, MP, Lord James Douglas Hamilton, MP, the Right Hon the Lord and Lady Mulley, the Right Hon the Lord Campbell of Croy, Mr Doug Hoyle, MP, Sir Russell Johnston, MP, Mr David Curry, MP, Mr Tony Baldry, MP, and Mr John Bowis, MP.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the Macmillan Nurse Appeal, will attend the Gloucestershire Macmillan Cancer Service's Christmas concert in Tetbury Parish Church, Gloucestershire, at 7.20.

Headmasters' Conference

R de C Chapman, Headmaster of Malvern College, has been elected Chairman of the Headmasters' Conference for 1994.

School news

Emanuel School, Wandsworth
The Governors of Emanuel School announce that Mr Tristram Jones-Parry, MA, currently Under Master at Westminster School will succeed Mr Peter Thomson, MA, who is retiring as Headmaster on September 1, 1994.

St Catherine's School
The Corporation of the Cranleigh and St Catherine's Bramley Schools, on the recommendation fo the Governing Body of St Catherine's, have appointed Mrs Claire Oulton to be Headmistress of St Catherine's School with effect from September 1, 1994. Mrs Oulton is at present Head of the History Department at Charterhouse.

Dinner

Foundation for Science and Technology
The Lord Butterworth, CBE, was in the Chair at a Foundation lecture and dinner discussion held at the Royal Society of Edinburgh on Wednesday, December 15, 1993. Professor Stewart Sutherland, Dr I.M.H. Preston and Mr Gerald Wilson spoke on: "The Shape of Higher Education by the end of the Century".

University news

Bath
Mr Jeremy Thring, solicitor and notary public, has been appointed Chairman of the University Council with effect from January 1 1994.

TIM CUFF



Phillip Allen, left, and Joe Authers work on the restoration of a shooting boat originally made for King Edward VII. The boat, which was found at the Swannery, Abbotsbury, Dorset, is being got ready to go on show at the Exeter Maritime Museum, Devon. The two are working on it as part of a community service order

Archaeology

New techniques pinpoint date of early British settlement

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Britain's earliest settlements is a thousand years older than previously believed. New radiocarbon dating techniques allied to recent tree-ring studies show that Star Carr, a Mesolithic camp site in North Yorkshire, is 10,700 years old.

Star Carr was originally excavated more than forty years ago by Sir Grahame Clark, the prehistorian: it was the first time that an extensive occupation dating to the Mesolithic age, immediately after the end of the last Ice Age, had been investigated.

Waterlogging had preserved many organic objects, including rolls of birchbark and slices of deer antler, made into spear points. A brushwood platform was also uncovered, and the site appeared to have been used as a temporary hunting and fishing camp on the edge of a wetland. The annual cycle of economic activities that Grahame Clark elucidated opened a new window on to the life of pre-Neolithic settlers in Britain.

Later studies suggested that the site had extended further inland, but that this area had not been preserved by waterlogging. Radiocarbon dates, done using large samples converted to gas, suggested a date somewhat less than 10,000 years ago.

The new study, carried out by Dr Paul Mellars of Cambridge University, revealed remnants of what appeared to be a substantial lakeside platform, some 30 metres from Clark's excavations. Some of the timbers are split and worked, and "as a whole reveal the clear organisation pointing to a deliberately laid structure", *British Archaeological News* reports. "Scatters of stone tools and antler artefacts suggest that this platform represents an extension of the main occupation area at Star Carr, although perhaps a slightly earlier phase," the report says.

Some of these fine particles were dated by accelerator counting of the carbon-14 atoms in them, and the dates have been matched with those on a tree-ring sequence from south Germany to give a true age for Star Carr of around 10,700 years ago. A solid block of peat from the site was raised for dissection in the Cambridge archaeology laboratory, giving new insights into the climate, environment, and economy of early Holocene Britain.

Source: *British Archaeological News* 8: 3.

Latest wills

Sir Anthony Hugh Mostyn **Bowlby**, 2nd Bart, of Ozleworth, Wotton under Edge, Gloucestershire, a director of GKN 1958-71, left estate valued at £167,732 net.

Mr John Ashworth **Crabtree**, of Sidbury, Devon, left estate valued at £5,075,203 net.

He left £40,000 and his 1901 LIFU steam motor to Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, £15,000 each to Sidmouth Hospicare and Otery St Mary Hospicare, and £10,000 each to St Giles Church, Sidbury, the Sid Vale Association, 'SPAB' Wind and Watermill Section and Coldharbour Mill Trust.

Other estates (net before tax) include:

Mrs Agnes Mary **Evans**, of London W1 ..... £884,249

Mr Harry **Humber**, of Arkley, Hertfordshire £644,594

Mr Arnold George Charles **Lloyd**, of Thorpe Bay, Essex..... £1,121,362

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Pam Cuff, Curate (NSM), Nether Stowey: to be Assistant Hospital Chaplain, Taunton group of hospitals, and Curate (NSM), Quantoxhead (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Bruce Curry, Vicar, St Neots and Rural Dean of St Neots: to be Priest-in-charge, Everton w Tetworth w Abbotsley and Waresley and continue as Rural Dean of St Neots (Ely).

The Rev Ross Davies, Priest-in-charge, Mundford w Lynford, Ickburgh w Langford, Cranwich (Norwich): to be Senior Curate, Somerton w Compton Dundon, the Charltons and Kingsdon (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Maureen Doble: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), Kingston St Mary (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Nigel Ely, Curate, Rustington: to be Curate, Bexhill (Chichester).

The Rev Gerald Evans, Rector, West Chiltington and Ecumenical Officer, Horsham archdeaconry: to be also Rural Dean of Storrington (Chichester).

The Rev David Frost, Team Vicar, Rye Team Ministry: to be Vicar, Bexhill; St Stephen (Chichester).

The Rev Michael Grantham, Rector, Kelsey group of parishes (Lincoln): to be Rector, Dunster, Carhampton, Withycombe and Rodhuish (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Gerald Griffin, formerly Chaplain to Featherstone Prison (Lichfield): to be Assistant Curate, St Gabriel, Toxteth (Liverpool).

The Rev Clive Grinham, Director of "CYPECS" — the Youth and Children's Division of the Church Pastoral Aid Society: to be Vicar, Normanton-by-Derby (Derby).

The Rev Stephen Guise, Team Vicar, Haywards Heath Team Ministry: to be Vicar, Kirdford (Chichester).

Marriages

The Viscount Rothermere and Miss M. Lee
The marriage took place in Paris on Wednesday, December 15, between The Viscount Rothermere and Miss Maiko Joeong-shun Lee.

Mr M.S. Hedges and Dr M.S. Smith
The marriage took place yesterday at St Andrew's, Nottingham, of Mr Miles Hedges, only son of Mr and Mrs Denis Hedges, of Banbury, Oxfordshire, and Dr Margaret Smith, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs John Smith, of Dollar, Clackmannanshire. The Rev Richard Clark officiated. The organist was Professor Robert Pascall and the Nottingham University Singers were directed by Professor John Morehen.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Ian, was attended by Miss Michele Hampson. Mr Malcolm Alder was best man.

A reception was held at Cavendish Hall, University of Nottingham, and the honeymoon will be spent in the Caribbean.

Major D.J.L. Swann and Miss C.I.M. Jaggard
The marriage took place on Saturday, December 18, at Lulworth Castle Chapel, of Major David Swann, The Queen's Royal Hussars (The Queen's Own and Royal Irish), only son of Mr and Mrs Derek Swann, of Hilldale, Lancashire, and Miss Charlotte Jaggard, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Jaggard, of Winfrith Court, Dorset. The Rev Edward Buckley officiated, assisted by the Rev David Reynolds.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father was attended by three pages, Edward Beer, James Beer and Henry Pilleau, and by three bridesmaids, Amelia O'Reilly, Alexandra Chitty and Gabriella Smailes. Captain Robin Murray Brown was best man. A guard of honour was found by Warrant Officers of the bridegroom's Regiment.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

The Hon. Andrew Monson and Miss E.C. Wheeler-Bennett
The marriage took place on Saturday, December 18, 1993, at St Mary's Church, Calstone Wellington, Wiltshire, of the Hon Andrew Monson and Miss Emily Wheeler-Bennett. Canon Juergen Simonson officiated.

The bride was attended by Laura Sutcliffe and Isabella Monson. Mr Jerome Monahan was best man and Mr Christopher Neale was chief usher.

Mr T.E. Beckett and Miss R.S. Bothway
The marriage took place on Saturday, December 11, at Wymondham Abbey, of Mr Edward Beckett, son of the late Mr Thomas Beckett and of Mrs John Armitage, of Hall o'Coole, Cheshire, to Miss Rebecca Bothway, daughter of Mr Colin Bothway, of Colton, Norfolk, and Mrs Neil Cranston, of Dykebeck, Norfolk. The Rev John Barnes officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Sophie Bothway, Daisy and Lucy Hambro, Barnaby Baber and Alexander Trevor. Mr Robert Miller and Mr Nadir Latif were best men.

A reception was held at Dykebeck and the honeymoon will be spent in the Far East.

Mr M.H. Brooks and Miss A.F. Cuddigan
The marriage took place on December 10, at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, between Mr Michael Brooks and Miss Antonia Cuddigan. The Right Rev Cormac Murphy O' Connor, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, and the Very Rev Patrick Mitchell, Dean of Windsor, officiated.

The bridge, who was given in marriage by her father Dr Jeremy Cuddigan, was attended by Henrietta Chetwood, Alessia De Salis, Hannah Proudlock, and Harry and James Chenevix-Trench. Mr Mark Esiri was best man.

A reception was held at the Royal College of Music and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.E. Bebbington and Miss U.J. Millward
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs G.E. Bebbington, of Hagley, Worcestershire, and Ursula, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs H.G. Millward, of Kingswinford, West Midlands.

Mr T.B. Everington and Miss M. Parry
The engagement is announced between Thomas, elder son of the late Richard Everington and of Mrs Madeleine Everington, of East Harting, West Sussex, and Margaret, younger daughter of the late Mr Hugh Parry and of Mrs Audrey Parry, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr N.D. Lindsay and Miss J.S. Roberts
The engagement is announced between Neil Douglas, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Lindsay, of Chelsea, London, and Jacqueline Sharon, daughter of the late Mr Kenneth Roberts, of Zimbabwe, and of Mrs Kathleen Hartley, of Cape Town, South Africa.

M M.P.P. Vallée and Miss C.J. Haighton
The engagement is announced between Mathurin, son of M and Mme Gilbert Vallée, of Versailles, France, and Charlotte, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Haighton, of Camberwell, London.

Mr R.H. Bather and Miss A.S. Plunket
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs John Bather, of Longford Grange, Derbyshire, and Arabella, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Plunket, of London, W14.

Mr J.C. Gilbert and Miss S. Hughes
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs A.J. Gilbert, of Coppenhall, Stafford, and Sandra, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T.R. Hughes, of Southport.

Mr D.W. Murray and Miss D.P. Hanratty
The engagement is announced between David, son of Captain and Mrs J.H. Murray, of Cambridge, and Deirdre, daughter of the late Mr T.M. Hanratty and of Mrs Hanratty, of Stretham, Ely.

Mr M.E. Smith and Dr R.C. Dann
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs E.W. Smith, of Tilsworth, Bedfordshire, and Ruth, only daughter of the Rev Dr J.D. and Mrs Dann, of Whitchurch, Cardiff.

Mr S.G. Trembath and Ms R. Bitton
The engagement is announced between Steven Trembath, son of Allan and Andrée Trembath, of Banbury, and Rachel Bitton, daughter of Max and Esther Bitton, of Marseilles.

Birthdays

Mr F.G. Berkeley, former Chief Taxing Master of the Supreme Court, 74; Air Commandant Dame Jean Bromet, former director, WRAF, 81; Mr B.E.S. Collins, former chairman, Nabisco Group, 70; Miss Joan Dickson, cellist, 72; Miss Chris Evert, tennis player, 39; Miss Jane Fonda, actress, 56; Mr Bertrand Gachot, racing driver, 31; the Earl of Haddington, 52; Mr Walter Hogbin, chairman, Taylor Woodrow International, 56; Mr Peter Johnson, headmaster, Wrekin College, 46; Sir Frederick Lawton, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 82; Mr Geoff Lewis, racehorse trainer, 58; the Most Rev John Murphy, former Archbishop of Cardiff, 88; Sir John Nabarro, consultant physician, 78; Mr Steve Perryman, footballer, 42; Mr Anthony Powell, CH, author, 88; Sir John Quinton, former chairman, Barclays Bank, 64; Flight Lieutenant W. Reid, VC, agricultural consultant, 72; Mr T.L. Robinson, former president, DRG, 81; Brigadier V.M. Rooke, former director, Army Nursing Services, 69; Mr Walter Spanghero, rugby player, 50; Mr Greville Starkey, jockey, 54; Mr Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor, 49; Mr Peter Tinniswood, author, 57; Mr James Tye, director-general, British Safety Council, 72; Dr Kurt Waldheim, former President of Austria, 75; Mr Carl Wilson, singer 47.

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BIRTHS

BOWERMAN - On December 16th to Sarah and Charles a son Edward, a brother for Thomas.

BUTTER - On December 18th, at The Portland Hospital, to Jane and David, a daughter, Charlotte Isabel Hurley, a sister for Thomas and Olivia.

CORFIELD - On 19th December at The Portland Hospital, to Emma and Richard, a daughter, a sister for Kai.

CRAMPTON - On 16th December 1993, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sheelagh (née Patrick) and Robin, a son, James Thomas McKenna.

DUDGEON - On December 15th, to Pauline (née Sleight) and Christopher, a son, Hamish William.

FITZROY - On 16th December to Diana and Charles, a son, George.

GOVETT - On December 20th, to Deborah (née Grey) and Jeremy, a daughter, Decima Emily Cloudesley, a sister for Hugo.

HEYWOOD - On 13th December 1993, to Sophie and Jonathan a son.

HOBSON - On December 16th, at The Portland Hospital, to Katie and Andrew, a son, David Tristram, brother to Hugo and Georgina.

HOPKINSON - On December 20th to Fiona and Christopher, a gorgeous baby girl, Lilias Clara, a sister for Geoffrey.

HYNARD - On December 17th to Deborah (née Rosa) and Andrew, a daughter Lucy Elizabeth, a sister for James.

JEFFERY - Olivia Francesca born at The Portland Hospital, to Nicola and Justin Jeffery on 17th December. Merry Christmas to her proud Grandparents!

LABISKO - On 14th December 1993 to Elizabeth (née Varoqua) and Stanley, a son, Michael Stanley.

LEWIS - On Tuesday 14th December at The Lindo Wing, St. Mary's Paddington, to Julia (née Postill) and Raymond, a son, Joshua Woolf, a brother for Jessica.

MAYNARD - On December 17th to Mark and Lucy, a son Seth.

O'FIORNEGAIN - 15th Nollaig ar the Portland Hospital, Rugadh Do Derek Agus Noasa mac Alainn 'Duaita' Buioc has le dia agus gach einne.

BIRTHS

PARISH - On December 17th to Sarah (née Williams) and Stephen, a son, Robert David James, a brother for Lucinda and Nicholas.

RIX - On December 19th at St Thomas' Hospital to Diane Bolivar and Henry a son, Oliver Henry.

SINCLAIR - On 16th December, to Fiona wife of Alan, a son, Geordie.

SKAN - On 10th December, to Sarah (née Bain) and Julian, a daughter, Harriet Molly.

WHISTLER - On December 17th to Lucy and Mark, a son Seth.

DEATHS

ALLISON - On December 16th peacefully at her home in Cuckfield, Sussex, Diana Mary (née Butler) wife of the late Peter. Funeral on Wednesday December 29th at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield at 11.30 am. Cut flowers only please but donations if preferred to St Catherine's Hospice c/o P & S Gallagher, Fraser House, Triangle Rd, Hagwards Heath. Tel: 0444 451166.

BUTTERS - Ronald Gordon, peacefully at home in Cheltenham on December 18th. Funeral Service on Thursday December 23rd at St Peter's Church, Leckhampton, Cheltenham at 1 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to MIND. All enquiries to Selim Smith. Tel: 0242 525383.

CUMMING - Douglas Johnston died peacefully at Radlett on 19th December. Survived by his beloved wife Marjorie; and children Anella and Gregor, 5 Grandsons and 1 Great Granddaughter. Funeral at Aldenham Parish Church 10 am Friday 24th December. Family flowers only. Donations in aid of Royal Artillery Benevolent Fund c/o C.A. Nethercott, 20 Aldenham Road, Radlett, Herts WD7 8AX.

de LISLE - On Sunday December 19th, at home after a prolonged illness borne with great courage, Julian Peter Alexander Marsh Phillipps de Lisle, D.L., aged 57, dearly loved husband of Diana (Dansy) and loving father of Alexandra, Clare and John. Funeral strictly private. Family flowers only. Details of Thanksgiving Service, in January, to be announced. Enquiries to J Stamp & Sons, telephone 0858 462524.

DEATHS

DOBBS - On 19th December Frances Edith, youngest daughter of the late Bishop John Randolph, beloved wife of the Reverend John Dobbs and mother of Priscilla and Evelyn. Funeral Service will take place at St. Nicholas Church, Cranleigh on Thursday 23rd December at 2 pm followed by burial. Flowers to Cranleigh Funerals 0483 276 758.

DRIVER - On December 18th peacefully in Salisbury, Marjorie Joan, dearly loved wife of the late Col. Leonard Driver R.A., formerly of Sevenoaks and York. All enquiries to Newmans Funeral Directors. Tel: 0722 413156.

EUDEN - On December 16th, aged 66 years, surrounded by her family, Elizabeth, of Northfleet, Kent. Dearly loved wife of Arthur and a much loved mother to Mark and Janice and grandmother to Georgina and Phillippa. Private cremation, donations, if desired, to British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0BD.

FAIRFAX-LUCY - On December 19th peacefully at home Alice Caroline Helen, widow of Sir Brian Fairfax-Lucy Bt, and only daughter of the late Lord Twysden. Beloved mother of Edmund and Emma and grandmother to Sophie and Charlotte. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium on Thursday 23rd December at 3 pm. Cut flowers to E. Taylor and Son, Carterton 0993 842421. Memorial Service at Charlecote Park, Warwick on Saturday 15th January at midday.

FELLOWES - On December 19th 1993, Yvonne aged 70 years, of Wivelscombe, Taunton, Somerset. Late of Long Sutton in Hospital after a short illness. Sister of Meg and close friend of the Marshall family. Funeral Service at St Andrews, Wivelscombe on Thursday December 23rd at 2.30 pm. No flowers, please but donations if desired for St Andrews Wivelscombe Lady to be sent c/o Mr A. James, Taunton Funeral Service, Windsor Place, Wiltstall, Taunton, Somerset.

FOSTER - On December 20th peacefully at home, Christine Leonard, beloved wife of Derick and dearly loved mother of Madeline, John and Francis. Service of Thanksgiving on Friday December 24th at 1.30 pm at St. Teresas Church, Bancbury. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired to Ward 47, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, c/o MacIntosh and Steven, 2 High Street, Banchory, Kincardinesshire AB31 3RP.

DEATHS

FROST - Peacefully at home, December 17th, 1993, aged 71 years, Peter, beloved husband of Doris and the very loving father of Susanna, Caroline, David and father-in-law to Andrew. Eucharist Service, St Boniface Church, Chandlers Ford, 12 noon Friday 24th December, followed by interment. Family flowers only; if desired donations for The Church Missionary Society or Dr. David Cunningham's Research Fund, (The Royal Marsden Hospital), sent to Jno. Steel & Son, 163 Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh SO5 1JH. Tel: 0703 252088.

GURLICK - On 19th December, peacefully at Salisbury District Hospital, Dorothy Gurlick aged 87, beloved wife of the late W. Kelly Gollick. Funeral at Salisbury Crematorium at 9 am on Friday 24th December. Memorial Service to be arranged in New Year. Details from E. Macey. Tel: 0722 77565

HAWKINS - Edgar Arthur of Craven Arms. Peacefully on December 17th 1993, aged 74. Beloved husband of Pamela and loving father of Andrew and Penelope. Funeral details from A & L Dickinson Funeral Service. Tel. 0588 673280.

HAWORTH-BOOTH - Maisie, peacefully on 19th December 1993, at her home in Oxford. The Funeral Service will take place at St Giles Church, Oxford, on Thursday, 23rd December at 1.15 pm, followed by the interment at Wolvercote Cemetery. Flowers and enquiries to Reeves & Pain Funeral Directors, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, OX1 4TE.

HERBERT - On December 17th in hospital, Joy Barbara (née Jackson), wife of the late Brig. Charles E.M. Herbert C.B.E. Funeral Service at 3 pm. on Thursday 23rd December at Charing Crematorium. Enquiries to: Earl and Company Funeral Directors. Tel: 0233 620622

HINDLIP - On 19th December 1993, peacefully at Aldebury, Henry Richard Allsopp, 5th Baron Hindlip. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced.

HOLE - On 17th December peacefully in hospital, Eric Sydney (Jimmy) aged 76. Husband firstly of the late Oonah and secondly of the late Sheila. Cremation at Reading Crematorium on Wednesday 5th January 1994 at 1.30 pm. No flowers, but donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Lincolns Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX. All enquiries to Gradys on 0705 463828

DEATHS

HUNT-COOKE - - On December 18th 1993, Arthur (O.B.E.) aged 87. Husband of Peggy (née Jupp). Funeral Service at St. Ethelburga Church, Lyminge, Kent, on Wednesday 29th December 1993 at 12.45 pm. followed by private Cremation Service. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to National Association of Mental Health, Hazebrook and Johns, 1 Dymchurch Road, Hythe, Kent CT21 5AX.

LOWEN - On December 18th 1993 Claudia (née Hawksley) aged 53 years, widow of Wing Commander Lionel Lowen R.A.F. Beloved aunt to her family. Cremation at Ipswich Crematorium West Chapel on Thursday December 23rd at 2.45 pm.

LYNCH - On 17th December 1993 in a tragic accident in London, Matthew Alexander aged 30, much loved darling eldest son of Susanne Lynch and Gerald Lynch and dearest brother to Edward, Henrietta, Sophia and Benjamin. All enquiries to C.W. Lyons Funeral Directors, Canterbury, Kent. 0227 463808.

MACGREGOR - On 18th December, suddenly but peacefully, Kit y de Mas, beloved mother of Fiona and Mouse and devoted grandmother of Rolland, Olivier, Aude, Alexis and Alice. Family funeral. Memorial Service 29th January 1994 12.30 pm at Westminster Cathedral.

MACPHERSON - John Commander Royal Navy. Dearly loved husband of Mary and beloved father of Lorna, after a long illness borne bravely and without complaint. Sea burial. Date of Service of Thanksgiving in January to be confirmed.

MAGNAY - Rosalinda Minna peacefully in hospital widow of Tony, mother of John Christopher and much loved grandmother of Charles, Michael, Caroline and Diana. Funeral at Sulgrave Church 11 a.m. Wednesday. Family flowers only. Donations to St. James' Church, Sulgrave.

MARRIACHE - Samuel Abraham. Dear husband of Reina Massias and father of Abraham, Isaac, Joshua, Rubeca, Rafael, Solomon and Benjamin Marriache. Peacefully passed away on Saturday 18th December at his home in Gibraltar. Funeral took place the same day.

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MONTEITH - Lt. Col. Michael Monteith of Carstairs OBE, M.C., T.D., D.L., loved husband of Mira (née Fanshawe) and their son Robert. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Lasark on Thursday 23rd December at 11.30 am. No flowers but donations to BASMOM, 60 Grove End Road, St John's Wood, London NW8 9NH.

MOSSE - On December 17th 1993 at home Major Harry Erskine Mosse R.A. Rtd., very dear husband of Pat, wonderful father of Robert, Caroline, Charles and Tim and grandfather to Fiona and Angela. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Mendham, on Thursday 23rd December at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired for the Framingfield and District Branch, The Royal British Legion may be sent to John A.V. Crisp, Funeral Director, 11A Hadden Close, Poringland, Norwich, Norfolk NR14 7RN.

PEISLEY - On 18th December 1993 peacefully at her home in Hemingford Grey, Cambridgeshire, Adelaide Louise Thornton Pesley (Jo) née Jagger. Much loved mother of Ann and a beloved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral Service at St. James Church, Hemingford Grey on Wednesday 29th December at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations may be made to The Childrens Society, which may be sent to Dennis Easton Funeral Service, The Lodge, Broad Leas, St. Ives, Huntingdon Cambs PE17 4PU or left at the church at the time of the Funeral Service.

PERRY - Kenneth Henry. On 14th December aged 71 years died suddenly in Chiswick, Dear brother of Doreen. Funeral, Hanworth Crematorium 10.30am on 23rd December. Enquiries to Christopher Wickenden Isleworth 081 569 8373.

PIRRIE - Dr George Denis, suddenly at his home in Daphnefve on December 11th. Beloved husband of Antoinette and father of Jennifer, Jan, Michael, Martin and Antonio. Funeral private, family flowers only by request but donations to Sutton Village Trust, Danby, Whitby, Yorkshire.

PRESTWICH - Fred peacefully on 18th December in a Worthing Nursing Home. Much loved husband and friend for 56 years of Norah. Devoted father of John and Margie. A private Cremation Service has been arranged.

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ROWLANDS-BOORER - George William (Jan) 1905-1993. Formerly of England and Georgia... died 19th December at home at 35 Alnwick Street, Warkworth, New Zealand. An indomitable spirit, and an exceptional life.

RYMER-JONES - On December 17th 1993 peacefully at home in High Halden Kent. Brigadier John Murray Rymer-Jones C.B.E. M.C. Q.P.M. Beloved husband of Mollie, father of Patricia, John and Caroline and a much loved grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral Service to be held at St. Mary The Virgin Church, High Halden on Friday 24th December 1993 at 10.00am. Followed by private cremation. Flowers to T.W. Fuggle & Son, Tenterden. "Steel true and blade straight The Great Artificer made my mate".

SHAYLOR - On 18th December Sindy (Denis) Shaylor aged 87, much loved by family and friends, died peacefully, Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary's Church, Lasham on Thursday 30th December at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Children's Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London WC1X 0JH.

SHEPHARD - On Saturday 18th December in hospital after a heart operation, John Horatio Gordon (Rae) beloved husband of Belinda, devoted father of Thomas, Henry, Sarah and William and much loved grandfather. Cremation Service at Putney Vale Crematorium at 12 noon on Thursday 30th December. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Macmillan Nurse Appeal, 15 Britten Street, SW3. Thanksgiving Service to be announced later. Carpe Diem.

SHERMAN - On December 2nd in Israel, Lady (Zehava) Sherman - Zeid - treasured wife of Sir Alfred and mother of Gideon, after a courageous battle against cancer. The funeral took place at the Old Cemetery Rishon LeZion.

SHURY - On December 18th 1993, Madge, cuddled by the Rites of The Holy Mother Church and The Sister's Of Mercy Community. Funeral Mass at St. Peter's Catholic Church, West Street, Shoreham, at 12 noon, followed by burial at Durrington Cemetery, Worthing, on Thursday 30th December. All enquiries c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, W.Sx. Tel. 0903 234616.

DEATHS

SITWELL - Dom Gerard Sitwell at Ampleforth Abbey died 20th December 1993. Funeral at Ampleforth Abbey on Thursday 23rd December at 12 noon.

SOMMERVILLE - On December 16th 1993, Norah Kathleen (née Buckley) aged 88 years. Widow of Andrew. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows R.C. Church, Clarence Road, Bognor Regis on Wednesday 22nd December 1993 at 10 am.

STILWELL - On 9th December, at home in Lisbon, Portugal, Francis Bartholomew, loving and beloved husband of Pamela, father and grandfather.

STREATFIELD - In hospital on 18th December peacefully E. Leslie Streatfield O.B.E. PhD. aged 84 years of Ballater, Aberdeenshire and sometime Dulwich. Very dear husband of Sheila (Bell). Cremation private.

SUMMERHAYES - On December 19th, Elizabeth Grace - Stewart (née McDowall) peacefully at home. Beloved wife of John and mother of Paula, Nicholas and Rosemary. Will be deeply missed by family and friends. Private Service and Cremation on Wednesday 22nd December. Enquiries to Camberley & District Funeral Service. Tel: 0276 33241.

TELLING - On December 18th 1993, peacefully at home, Alfred Caleb Victor, much loved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Private family funeral, family flowers only. Donations to Bristol and Avon Red Cross c/o Keith C Britton & Son, Funeral Directors, 10 High Street, Yatton, Bristol. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Bristol Cathedral on Thursday 20th January 1994 at 12 noon.

THOMAS - Suddenly and tragically on December 13th on Cairu Gorm, Jane Margaret aged 33 years, beloved wife and best friend of Rob, and much loved daughter of Margaret and the late Michael Washbrooke, dearest sister of Jen Richard and Fiona, dearest sister-in-law of Tessa. Funeral service at The United Reformed Church, Harpenden on Wednesday December 22nd at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Andy Fanshawe Memorial Fund. Donations and enquiries to L.C. Weston, No 26, 17 Leyton Road, Harpenden. 0582 712868 / 713398

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THOMAS - (née Pike). On 18th December 1993, peacefully in hospital, Dorothy Clara, loving wife of Howard devoted mother to her six daughters, her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral Service at Poole Crematorium on Thursday 23rd December at 1 pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations for the Stroke Association may be sent to Mews Funeral Directors, 3 Bournemouth Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset. Tel 0202 741169.

VALE - O.B.E. peacefully on December 18th 1993 at home, Arthur William (Peter) aged 93 years of Macclesfield, Cheshire, formerly of Maidstone and Shrewsbury, Deputies to Hooley Watson & Buckley Funeral Directors, 7-9 James Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire. Tel: 0625 422734

WATERHOUSE - On 17th December 1993, peacefully in her 98th year, at Meadbank Nursing Home, London SW11, Doris Helena (née Gough) beloved wife of the late Thomas Waterhouse, CBE, of Holywell, Clwyd and dearly loved mother of Stuart, Tom, Neil, Ronald and Sylvia. Funeral on Wednesday 22nd December at 12.30 pm at Tabernacle Chapel, Holywell. Enquiries to John Gibson & Sons, 34 Brynford Street, Holywell Tel: 0352 7120241.

WEST - On December 17th 1993 at home in East Finchley, following a stroke borne with great patience, Gwendoline Frances aged 92, beloved mother of Valerie. Funeral at St Marylebone Crematorium, Finchley N2 on December 23rd at 3 pm. Cut flowers only to Leverton & Sons Ltd, 1 Denmark Terrace, Forth Green N2.

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OBITUARIES

CHARLIE SMIRKE

Charlie Smirke, a jockey who won the Derby four times, died yesterday aged 87. He was born on September 23, 1906.



Charlie Smirke on the Aga Khan's Rose Royale II being led in after winning the 1957 1,000 Guineas

ALTHOUGH one of the greatest English jockeys of this century, Charlie Smirke was not popular among his fellow riders: an aggressive, cocky assurance in the weighing room transformed his natural Cockney chirpiness into self-glorifying behaviour which contributed to a career of ups and downs.

But one of his witticisms is deservedly remembered. When the old Press Club in St Bride's Court used to hold a splendid luncheon on the day before the Derby, the occasion was always enlivened by telegrams from those owners, trainers, and jockeys unable to be present, giving their Epsom selection. The tips were given great prominence in the London papers later in the day, and Smirke's contribution in 1952 merited an *Evening Standard* headline, which read: "What Did I Tulyar?"

This was encouragement for a brisk public gamble on Tulyar which tumbled his odds from 100-8 on the morning of the race to 11-2 favourite at the "off". It was unerringly prophetic. Although Gay Time, ridden by Lester Piggott, then only 16, pressed him in the final furlong, Tulyar had little difficulty in winning.

Smirke and Tulyar finished the season unbeaten, having, after the Derby, taken the Eclipse Stakes, the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes and the St Leger. His other notable successes for the Aga Khan were Bahram, in the 1935 St Leger; Mahmoud in the 1936 Derby; Palestine in the 1950 1,000 Guineas; and, finally, Rose Royale II in the 1957 1,000 Guineas.

Charles James William Smirke was born in Lambeth. At 13 he was apprenticed to Stanley Wootton at Epsom. In 1922 he rode his first winner, an unnamed filly carrying Wootton's colours in a selling plate at Derby. By 1926, while still an apprentice, he was retained by the Aga Khan. Their relationship lasted, off and on, for thirty years, with the "off" periods providing breaks sometimes accompanied by temperamental fireworks.

The first rupture came because Smirke did not get on with the Aga Khan's trainer, R. C. Dawson. Replaced in 1928 by Michael Beary as first jockey, he took a retainer to ride for the Newmarket trainer, Victor Gilpin.

Later that year there occurred a more serious reverse — an unpleasant reminder of the harsh injustice not infrequently meted out by the Jockey Club in former days. On August 31, 1928, at Gatwick, Smirke was riding a heavily odds-on favourite, Welcome Gift. It was long before the days of starting stalls which have largely eliminated the sort of incident which then occurred. When the tape-barrier went up, Welcome Gift stood as if rooted to the spot.

At the Stewards' enquiry, the starter alleged that Smirke had made no attempt to get his mount away. He was suspended for the rest of the meeting, and the case was referred to the Stewards of the Jockey Club. At the hearing which followed Smirke was so dumbstruck by the injustice of the charges that he offered no defence. His silence was taken as an admission of guilt. Not only was the jockey's licence withdrawn, but he was also warned off Newmarket Heath, which meant that he was unable to attend any race meeting even as a spectator.

Meanwhile Welcome Gift's reluctance at the barrier became a feature of his performances. When he was exported to India, it became so pronounced that it was finally decided he was useless for racing.

None of this immediately helped Smirke. He had to take a series of odd jobs. At one point he was sleeping rough on Brighton beach. Yet he put in every February for his licence to be restored, annually being told he was wasting his time. At last, in 1933, the Jockey Club, presumably after news of Welcome Gift's true character had finally percolated through to even their most obscurantist members, restored Smirke's licence.

Inside a fortnight he was back in the winner's enclosure, and within a year he had completed a classic double: on Windsor Lad for the Maharajah of Rajpipla in the Derby and the St Leger. This success attracted the attention of his old patron, the Aga Khan, for whom there followed his St Leger victory on Bahram, followed in 1936 by his becoming once more the Aga's first jockey.

But, again, as with R. C. Dawson, Smirke found it difficult to work with the Aga Khan's trainer, Frank Butters, who disliked all jockeys. It was only a lucky accident of preference that secured him his epic winning ride on the grey Mahmoud (of the Aga's three runners thought the least certain to stay) in that year's Derby, when the course record was broken.

After the outbreak of war, while waiting to be called up, Smirke rode the winners of the Irish Derby and Irish Oaks in 1940. During the war he served as a driver in the Middle East and Mediterranean, including the invasion of Sicily.

Picking up the pieces and getting started again as a jockey was not as easy after the war as it had been in 1933. With his home destroyed by bombing, and with only his £65 Army gratuity in his pocket, Smirke, at nearly 40, went to Ireland to ride over hurdles simply to make a living.

It was Gerald Wellesley's promising sprinter called The Bug, which was to become the catalyst in Smirke's renewed career. With Smirke in the saddle, The Bug first won at Phoenix Park, then landed a huge gamble for the stable at Royal Ascot in the 1946 Wokingham Stakes. Later, transferred to Marcus Marsh at Newmarket, the partnership virtually swept the board in important sprint races.

The following season at Royal Ascot, Smirke had four winners, including, once again, The Bug, and in the New Stakes, he brought Delirium with a perfectly timed late run to dead-heat with Lerins, the odds-on favourite owned by the Maharajah of Baroda. As a result of this performance, Smirke secured a two-year contract as first jockey to the Maharajah.

On Lerins, renamed My Babu, in the 1948 2,000 Guineas, Smirke displayed all his flair in getting the better of a duel with Gordon Richards on The Cobbler. By the end of that season, despite having severe weight problems, Smirke achieved his best-ever total of 98 winners.

In 1949 Smirke severed the connection with the Maharajah of Baroda over a disagreement about a change of trainer. He was soon riding again for the Aga Khan, which led to his classic successes on Palestine and Tulyar.

In 1954 he picked up a chance winning ride on Never Say Die in the St Leger, replacing Lester Piggott who was suspended. Two years later he went to live in France, where by now the Aga Khan had his horses trained. But this ended, as so often in the past, because of difficulties between him and the then trainer, Alec Head, at Chantilly. Despite taking the 1957 1,000 Guineas on Rose Royale II, relations between the two were by then so brittle that Smirke was replaced.

The following season was Smirke's last. But although he was now 51 and rode infrequently, he added a fourth Derby winner to his classic total because of his sheer brilliance and opportunism in the saddle. This was on the outsider Hard Ridden, owned by Sir Victor Sassoon. In the straight at Epsom he spotted a chance opening on the rails. He drove Hard Ridden through it and stole the race, winning by five lengths.

In retirement, although living at Epsom, Smirke seldom had any further dealings with racing. He was three times married, his third wife predeceasing him in 1974.

DOM GERARD SITWELL

Dom Gerard Sitwell, OSB, former Master of St Benet's Hall, Oxford, died yesterday at Ampleforth Abbey aged 86. He was born on December 22, 1906.

GERARD SITWELL was born of the famous Northumberland family and came of a line that had strong attachment to the armed services and deep roots in the county. His literary interests were also shaped by his origins.

Francis Gerard Sitwell went to school at Ampleforth at an early age, and achieved prominence as head boy and Master of Hounds. However, other more spiritual matters caught his interest at school and he went on to join the Benedictine community on which the well known Roman Catholic public school depends.

His reading of English at Oxford (he took a second at St Benet's Hall in 1930) turned his attention to the mystical writers who were to occupy him so much in his later life. After taking his degree, he read Theology for three further years under the Dominicans at Blackfriars, and from such masters as Father Luke Walker and Father Hugh Pope acquired a real interest and conviction in theological debate.

After his return to Ampleforth he taught English and German for a time in the school, but failed to find his vocation in teaching and turned in the war years to the large-scale farming activities of the community, of which he was in charge for a number of years.

In 1947 he went back to Oxford as Master of St Benet's Hall over which he presided for a full 17 years. He lectured for a time in the English School on the medieval mystics but was mostly occupied as religious superior and academic head of the community of St Bener's Hall.

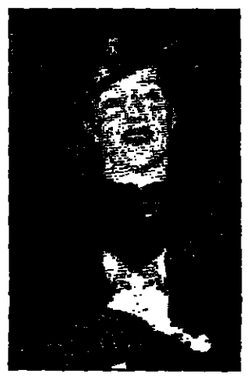
A certain shyness of manner prevented him from playing any large or influential part in university life but he won the respect of those who came into contact with him. These were chiefly the Roman Catholic clergy of the diocese, the undergraduates who found their way to St Benet's rather than the Chaplaincy or the Jesuits' Campion Hall and, above all, the select circle of experts who reviewed one another's books on the linguistic and theological problems of the medieval mystical writers.

When he left Oxford to undertake five years of parochial work in Cumberland, latterly as parish priest at Warwick Bridge, Carlisle, the same quiet qualities gained him the respect of his parishioners. He was particularly good with those who came to him in any form of difficulty or distress.

In the wider Church and the learned world he will be remembered principally for a number of workmanlike editions he published of such spiritual classics as Walter Hiltons's *Scale of Perfection* and Augustine Baker's *Sancta Sophia*. He retired to Ampleforth in 1969, where, for the remaining years of his life he lived back in the community he had joined nearly half-a-century earlier.

ALICE TULLY

Alice Bigelow Tully, soprano and philanthropist, died of influenza in New York on December 10 aged 91. She was born on September 11, 1902.



TALL music lovers have especial reason to be thankful to Alice Tully who played a central role in the musical life of New York for fifty years. When she donated almost the entire $4.5 million cost of the new chamber music hall in New York's Lincoln Center, she insisted that the seats be provided with adequate leg room.

The architects protested, reluctant to give up three rows of seats, but Tully, a tall woman herself, was adamant. "I had spent so many, many hours cramped in narrow spaces, both here and in Europe," she said later, "and I felt this was something we should have." She got her way.

Reluctant to have the extent of her generosity known, Tully at first refused to have the chamber music hall named in her honour until she was persuaded to do so by John D. Rockefeller, the first chairman of the Lincoln Center.

It was a typical gesture by a woman who had been doing good by stealth ever since she inherited a large fortune on the death of her mother in 1958. Keenly aware of the problems faced by performers, she gave millions of dollars to individual singers, pianists and composers, as well as ballet companies, art museums and humanitarian organisations.

The granddaughter of Amory Houghton, who founded the Corning Glass Works, Alice Bigelow Tully decided, in her early teens, to devote her life to music, after hearing a recital by the pianist Josef Hoffmann. After studying singing for several years in New York and Paris, she made her professional debut in France in 1927. Six years later she sang opera at the Hippodrome in New York, and in 1935 took the title role in Bizet's *Carmen* at the Manhattan Opera House. She performed frequently as a recitalist in Europe and the United States during the late 1930s.

With the outbreak of the Second World War, Alice Tully suspended her musical career to devote herself to the war effort. A keen amateur pilot, she joined the Civil Air Patrol and flew on submarine spotting missions, but then decided she could be of more use as a nurse's aide at the French hospital in Manhattan.

In 1950, feeling that her voice was losing its flexibility, Tully gave up singing professionally. She soon became involved in philanthropy, setting up an organisation known as the Maya Corporation so that her gifts could remain anonymous.

Tully served on the boards of the Metropolitan Opera, the New York Philharmonic and the Juilliard School of Music and well into her eighties was a frequent traveller to Europe to see new productions and keep track of singers and directors.

She served on competition juries, especially those at the Spoleto Festival in Italy, and had compositions written in her honour by Gian Carlo Menotti, William Schuman and Riccardo Malipiero.

Among her many awards were the first National Medal of Art in 1985, and the French Legion of Honour. Alice Tully never married.

MAJOR FRANCIS JONES



Major Francis Jones, CVO, TD, soldier, historian and antiquary and the first holder of the office of Wales Herald Extraordinary, died on December 14 aged 85. He was born on July 5, 1908.

FRANCIS JONES was the son of James Jones a farmer of Grimston, Pembrokeshire. As a child he was Welsh-speaking and was educated at Fishguard County School. Although he never attended university he was a natural scholar and his learning was later acknowledged when the University of Wales bestowed on him the honorary degree of Master of Arts and the Society of Antiquaries elected him a Fellow in 1957. Jones's first great loves were the Army and archives and he managed to enjoy, and even combine at one time, these two abiding interests.

In 1931 he was commissioned a lieutenant in the 4th Battalion, the Welsh Regiment (TA). At the outbreak of the Second World War he was transferred to the Pembrokeshire Yeomanry (RA, TA) and served in North Africa (where he was mentioned in dispatches), the Middle East and Italy. After the war he joined the Surrey Yeomanry, from which he retired with the rank of major in 1956.

Concurrently with his pre-war Territorial activities he was appointed temporary archivist of Pembrokeshire from 1934 to 1936 and thereafter, until the outbreak of war, served on the staff of the National Library of Wales, of which he was in later life made a governor.

After the war he became an official war historian in the Historical Section of the Cabinet Office, where he compiled the narratives of the Sicilian and Italian campaigns. This task completed, he was appointed the first archivist of Carmarthenshire in January 1959 and was charged with establishing the new County Record Office.

This entailed not only putting in order the official and legal records of the county but also, and far more interesting from Jones's point of view, trying to persuade the local gentry to deposit their unique heraldic, genealogical and estate records with the new office, so that they could be catalogued and properly conserved for posterity (the dungeon or infested library of an ancient Welsh house or castle not being a recommended repository for ancient historical manuscripts).

Jones loved this facet of his job and by the exercise of his gentle, persuasive and quite disarming personality he managed to reap a rich harvest. It was virtually impossible to say "no" to Francis Jones, his native charm, patent enthusiasm for what he was doing and quiet professionalism winning the day every time. The most eloquent testimony to Jones, both as an individual and an archivist, is the festschrift *Carmarthenshire Studies*, which the Carmarthenshire County Council published to mark his retirement from the office of archivist in 1974.

In 1955, mainly through his friendship with Anthony Wagner, later Sir Anthony Wagner, Garter King of Arms, he became interested in the considerable collections of Welsh heraldic and genealogical manuscripts held by the College of Arms and he produced a detailed and valuable catalogue of these. It was, therefore, not surprising that in 1963, at the instance of Sir Keith Joseph (then Minister for Welsh Affairs) and the late Lord Brecon he was appointed the first Wales Herald Extraordinary, not only as a recognition of his academic ability in the arcane sciences of heraldry and genealogy but because the Investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales was already in sight.

In the event, he played an important role in both the actual ceremony and also as a member of the Investiture Committee — for his work in each capacity he was appointed CVO in 1969. He was a great protagonist of the revival of the Teilo, or noble princely guard, somewhat analagous to the Gentlemen at Arms in England or the Archers in Scotland and also of an institution of an Order of St David, either as a single class or multi-class order. But the politicians of the day did not favour his ideas, though they were shared by many in high places.

Jones was a prolific author, although mostly, but not exclusively, of historical, biographical, heraldic and genealogical articles, and tracts. He will always be remembered, for example, for his books *The Holy Wells of Wales* (1954) and *The Princes and Principality of Wales* (1969) but his chief memorial will be his unfailing charm and generosity, his enjoyment of life, his absolute loyalty and his unswerving belief in — and acceptance of — the immutable things in life.

His wife Ethel died in 1985 and he is survived by two sons and two daughters.

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GIANT PANDA CAPTURED

AN EPIC HUNT

From a Correspondent

SHANGHAI

The capture of a Giant Panda (reported in *The Times* of November 28) brings with it an accumulation of records. It is one of the rarest animals in the world; it has never been seen in captivity; and this specimen, destined for the Bronx Zoo in New York, has been brought out of the wild mountain fastnesses of the Chinese-Tibetan border by a woman.

Nearly two years ago an American, Mr. W.H. Harkness, arrived in Shanghai with the intention of capturing a Giant Panda alive. While waiting for the many difficulties in getting the necessary permit from the Chinese authorities to be surmounted he became ill and died. His wife heard the news in New York and determined to use what money he had left her in organising an expedition to carry out his project. She reached Shanghai late last summer. Those who knew conditions in the Panda country in North-Western Szechwan looked upon the scheme as fantastic, and some had grave misgivings for Mrs. Harkness's personal safety in that bandit-ridden and inhospitable region. She made her plans with determination, and, accompanied by a young Chinese explorer named Quentin Young, the brother of Jack T. Young, who acted as interpreter on the Kermit and Theodore Roosevelt Expedition, which secured the first Giant Panda to be shot by any Westerner, went to Chengtu, from there travelling into the almost inaccessible Wassu country to the north-west. Phenomenal luck attended their hunting. They surprised a female Giant Panda, which ran off, leaving her newly born cub in a nest in a hollow tree.

The expedition immediately turned back towards civilisation, and, reaching Chengtu in safety, Mrs. Harkness flew to Shanghai with the precious infant Panda, which has probably received more care than any human baby. It is doubtful if anybody but a woman could have done what Mrs. Harkness has done. No mere man could have brought the baby animal alive down to Shanghai. Its rarity, the perils of the country where it lives, the long distances, the personal risk and hardships, and Mrs. Harkness's complete lack of any previous experience turn the journey into an epic. Mrs. Harkness and Mr. Young arrived in Chengtu from the wilds with only the clothes they stood in, everything else, under-clothing, sweaters, fur, coats, and even blankets, having been sacrified to keep the baby dry during the hard days of rapid travel back to civilisation, when it was impossible to wash out and dry cloths and wrappers. To get the baby to feed from a bottle, Mr. Young wrapped himself up in a fur coat with the hair outside and pretended to be its mother . . .

When she and the Panda left Shanghai the baby was in excellent condition, having had expert medical attention since its arrival. The utmost care is being taken of its feeding and other needs. Mrs. Harkness never lets it out of her sight. It cries exactly like a human infant, and is one of the most fascinating little animals that could be imagined . . .

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The catching alive of a giant panda was seen as something of a feat; it was said that for many years no white man had set eyes on one of these rather bizarre animals in its natural haunts.

NEWS

Zhirinovsky tells West to keep off

■ Russia's far-right Liberal Democratic leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky said that Russia and the West could remain at peace with each other only if both established spheres of influence worldwide and did not seek involvement or influence in each other's affairs.

He said that Russia should re-establish its international relations on a geographical basis, concentrating on rebuilding the Soviet empire and wooing Afghanistan, Turkey and the Middle East, particularly Lebanon and Iraq..... **Pages 1, 7**

Sinn Fein demands amnesty

■ John Major's Northern Ireland peace initiative was boosted when the Ulster Unionists endorsed it. But backing from James Molyneaux came as Sinn Fein called for all republican prisoners to be freed in a settlement..... **Pages 1, 5**

Carey attack

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, criticised the Bishop of Durham for proclaiming that the Star of Bethlehem and the Three Wise Men were mythical..... **Page 1**

Five life sentences

Colin Ireland, who murdered five homosexual men and wanted to become famous as a serial killer, was given five life sentences at the Old Bailey with a recommendation that he spend the rest of his life in jail..... **Pages 1, 3**

Becker hits out

Arriving home with six sick and wounded Bosnian refugees, the aid worker Sally Becker was sharply critical of those who questioned her mission..... **Pages 1, 7**

Somerset fights back

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, is under pressure from furious Tory MPs in the west country over plans to remove the county of Somerset from the local government map..... **Page 2**

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The leadership of the Liberal Democrat party attempted to distance itself from the escalating feud in East London over the enquiry into racism in Tower Hamlets..... **Page 2**

Police dilemma

A jeweller who killed a burglar at his parents' home was at a secret address as police sought advice from the Crown Prosecution Service as to whether he should face charges..... **Page 4**

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Bookmakers have cut the odds on a white Christmas but forecasters say any snow that does fall will be little more than a passing flurry and not enough for children to test new sledges..... **Page 4**

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China is to prohibit marriages where either partner has a taboo ailment and will tell mothers carrying "abnormal foetuses" to have abortions..... **Page 9**

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The future of the RAF Red Arrows display team could be in doubt in a Ministry of Defence cost-cutting study..... **Page 2**

Mandela agreement

Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, and General Constand Viljoen, leader of the Afrikaner Volksfront, are to sign an agreement today, which could open the way for the right-wing umbrella organisation to take part in elections..... **Page 9**

Japan crisis

As members of Japan's ruling coalition threatened a general election, it became clear that crisis is looming for Morihiro Hosokawa, the Prime Minister. His seven-party coalition is riven at its foundations..... **Page 7**

Deportees freed

Israel said that three senior members of the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, had been sentenced to detention after their deportation but most of the original 415 have been freed... **Page 9**

Prince Edward appeals for privacy

■ Prince Edward has appealed in an open letter to newspaper editors for his privacy to be respected. He and Sophie Rhys-Jones, 28, a public relations executive, have been subjected to intense attention since their names were linked by a Sunday newspaper. The Prince said that he and Miss Rhys-Jones were good friends but they had no plans to marry..... **Page 1**



Marla Maples flourishes her wedding licence at New York City Hall before marrying millionaire Donald Trump. Page 9

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Savings: Building society savers withdrew £400 million more funds than they deposited last month, the largest outflow since September 1986. The news comes as societies face battles against banks and National Savings..... **Page 17**

Mercury: The telecommunications company is to take legal action against Oftel, the industry's regulator, over the company's interconnection with BT..... **Page 17**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose a further 27.8 points to close at a record of 3364.9. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 81.6 to 81.5 after a fall from $1.4913 to $1.4853 and a rise from DM2.5409 to DM2.5462..... **Pages 17, 20**

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Football: While the United States prepares to host the World Cup, there is a fear that the style and stamina of the play will be sacrificed to the twin gods of television and sponsorship. Rob Hughes reports..... **Page 28**

Cricket success: The England A team won their sixth successive match on the tour to South Africa, beating Eastern Province by an innings and 70 runs in Port Elizabeth..... **Page 30**

Rugby union: Bath, winners seven times in ten years, were drawn at home to Bristol in the fifth round of the Pilkington Cup. Leicester, the holders, have a home tie against London Irish..... **Page 32**

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Raymond McCartney, jailed for life for his part in two murders, is one of 60 IRA prisoners who have qualified for a Christmas parole
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The Duchess of Gloucester, patron of Afasic, the charity that helps children suffering from speech impediments, appeals for support
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Vincent Foster, President Clinton's childhood friend who killed himself in July, is now alleged to have had an affair with Hillary Clinton
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

Battle of the Christmas box

■ What will you be watching on December 25? Media looks at the battle for the Christmas Day viewer

Writing Botham's lines

■ When the superstars of sport and soaps appear in panto, they can't be given any old dialogue. Peter Barnard talks to the scriptwriters who provide the gags for Ian Botham and his merry colleagues

Smetana revived

■ Smetana's *Two Widows* should be a sure-fire comic success. Will it give English National Opera a much-needed seasonal hit?

TV LISTINGS

Only seven Old Contemptibles — the insult that became a compliment — survive and four of them are in *It Will Be All Over By Christmas* (BBC2, 7.50pm)..... **Page 31**

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A different union

No nation should tamper carelessly with its deepest roots. In its challenge to old ideas of Britishness, Mr Major's initiative has implications far beyond the steeples of Fermanagh and Tyrone..... **Page 13**

Handle with care

The future of Russian democracy still lies in President Yeltsin's hands. He and his allies must now grasp by the throat the threat of Mr Zhirinovsky..... **Page 13**

Blob on the landscape

Mr Blobby is likely to have a short life, though a lucrative one. He represents an old English tradition of misrule and vulgarity..... **Page 13**

R.W. JOHNSON

The conundrum remains. Chief Buthelezi believes that Inkatha is caught in a virtual war to the death with the ANC, and the concession necessary to placate him — or tempt him to participate in the elections — are not yet on the table..... **Page 12**

BERNARD LEVIN

In case there is any doubt about the matter I have left a document with my solicitors, which states that, in my opinion, the words "funds are available", even painted on the pavement in Threadneedle Street — nay, set to music in the key of D minor, means that funds are available..... **Page 12**

LETTERS

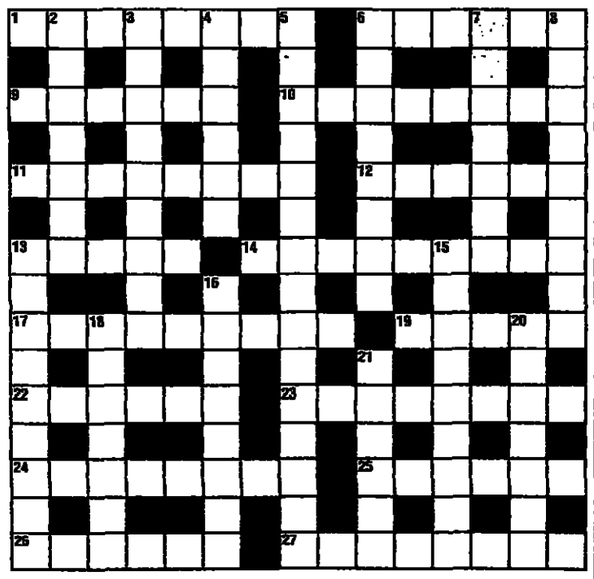
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DIARY

Reaching peace involves holding one's nose. John Major, Albert Reynolds and others are to be congratulated for refusing to accept the intractibility of this conflict. Perhaps there really is something in the zeitgeist that encourages messy resolutions to age-old problems now — The Wall Street Journal

Contradictory declarations [by the French government] will not re-establish the credit of France. They will comfort the supporters of Mr Milosevic in the conviction that, far from being the instrument of the Europeans, their leader remains fairly and squarely master of the game — Le Monde

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,418

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WEATHER

Scotland will have sunny spells and showers, wintry in many places and most frequent and heaviest in the north and west, where drifting may occur in strong winds. Northern Ireland will have showers, some wintry, and become cloudy later. England and Wales bright with showers in the north and west. Southern and eastern areas will start cloudy with rain clearing East Anglia by mid-afternoon. Outlook: becoming colder. Rain or showers.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet, sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	c	Madrid	5	41	c
Alcostri	20	68	s	Majorca	15	59	f
Alex'dria	20	68	c	Malaga	17	63	f
Algiers	17	63	s	Malta	17	63	s
Amst'dm	3	41	f	Miami*	25	77	c
Athens	17	63	s	Milan	8	46	f
Bahrain	21	70	s	Montreal*	-1	30	f
Bangkok	29	84	f	Moscow	1	34	sn
Barcelona	17	63	f	Munich	16	61	f
Beirut	18	64	f	Nairobi	24	75	s
Belgrade	15	59	s	Naples	11	52	f
Berlin	6	43	r	N Delhi	18	64	s
Bermuda*	22	72	f	N York*	4	39	c
Biarritz	17	63	f	Nice	11	52	c
Borde'x	15	61	c	Oslo	-1	30	s
Brussels	4	39	r	Paris	13	55	d
Budapst	10	50	f	Peking	-1	30	s
B Aires*	31	88	s	Perth	22	72	s
Cairo	21	70	f	Prague	1	34	sn
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Reykjavik	-1	30	s
Chicago*	2	36	c	Rhodes	17	63	s
Ch'church	17	63	f	Rio de J	33	91	s
Cologne	2	36	sl	Riyadh	22	72	s
C'hagn	3	37	s	Rome	13	55	d
Corfu	13	55	f	Salzburg	10	50	s
Dublin	3	37	sl	S F'isco*	10	50	s
Faro	19	66	s	Santiago*	27	81	s
Florence	10	50	d	Seoul	8	46	s
Frankfurt	4	39	r	Sing'por	32	90	f
Funchal	17	63	c	St'kholm	-1	30	f
Geneva	13	55	r	Strasb'rg	16	61	c
Gibraltar	15	59	s	Tangier	17	63	s
Helsinki	2	36	r	Tel Aviv	20	68	s
Hong K	19	66	s	Tenerife	13	55	s
Innsbruk	9	48	f	Tokyo	7	45	r
Istanbul	13	55	s	Toronto*	4	39	c
Jeddah	32	90	s	Tunis	15	59	c
Jo'burg*	23	81	s	Valencia	20	68	c
L Palmas	20	68	s	Venice	6	43	fg
La Toquet	5	41	f	Vienna	6	43	r
Lisbon	11	52	fg	Warsaw	4	39	f
Locarno	7	45	s	Wash'ton*	9	48	s
L Angels*	14	57	f	Wellington	19	66	s
Luxemburg	11	52	r	Zurich	15	59	f
Luxor	28	82	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 6C (43F), min 6pm to 6am, 4C (39F). Humidity 6pm, 87 per cent. Rain 24hr to 6pm, 0.43in. Sun, 24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 996.6 millibars falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Hornsby and Norwich, Norfolk 15C (59F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland 5C (41F); highest rainfall, Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway 1.59in; highest sunshine: Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear 5.2hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 5C (41F), min 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F). Rain, 24hr to 6pm, 0.11in. Sun, 24hr to 6pm, nil.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm -1C (30F), min 6pm to 6am, -3C (27F). Rain 24hr to 6pm, 0.04in. Sun, 24hr to 6pm, 0.7hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.9	0.06	7	45	snow
Anglesey	2.3	0.29	10	50	rain
Belfast	3.1	0.21	7	45	shower
Birmingham	0.1	0.34	15	59	rain
Bognor Regis	-	0.52	13	55	drizzle
Bournemouth	-	0.93	13	55	drizzle
Bristol	-	0.78	14	57	rain
Buxton	-	0.72	12	54	rain
Cardiff	-	0.42	13	55	rain
Clacton	-	0.16	11	52	cloudy
Eastbourne	-	0.81	13	55	drizzle
Edinburgh	1.8	0.19	8	46	shower
Eskdalemuir	0.4	1.59	8	46	hail
Exmouth	-	0.24	14	57	drizzle
Falmouth	-	1.06	13	55	rain
Folkestone	-	0.42	13	55	dull
Glasgow	1.1	0.35	8	46	shower
Guernsey	-	0.31	13	55	drizzle
Hastings	-	0.74	12	54	cloudy
Hunstanton	2.4	0.31	13	55	shower
Isle of Man	4.2	0.07	9	48	sunny
Jersey	-	0.26	13	55	rain
Kinloss	0.6	0.11	7	45	sleet
Leeds	1.3	0.29	13	55	shower
Lerwick	-	0.33	5	41	snow
Littlehampton	-	0.70	13	55	drizzle
Liverpool	1.5	0.62	11	52	rain
London	-	0.29	15	59	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.2	0.24	15	59	rain
Manchester	0.8	0.46	13	55	hail
Margate	x	0.14	14	57	dull
Minehead	x	0.70	14	57	rain
Nottingham	0.7	0.35	13	55	rain
Penzance	-	0.52	13	55	drizzle
Plymouth	-	0.78	13	55	rain
Poole	-	0.80	13	55	rain
Scilly Isles	-	0.43	12	54	cloudy
Scarborough	4.0	0.07	13	55	sunny
Scilly Isles	-	0.27	12	54	gale
Shanklin	0.1	0.63	12	54	drizzle
Southend	0.4	0.19	14	57	cloudy
Stornoway	0.4	0.18	6	43	gale
Swansea	-	0.69	13	55	rain
Teignmouth	-	0.39	15	59	rain
Tenby	0.9	0.74	11	52	cloudy
Tiree	1.1	0.30	8	46	snow
Torquay	-	0.98	14	57	rain
Weymouth	-	0.32	12	54	cloudy

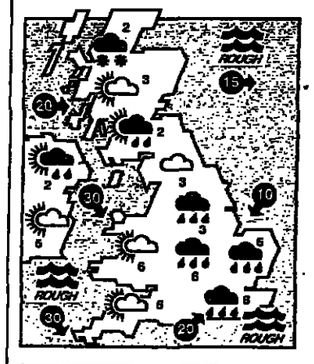
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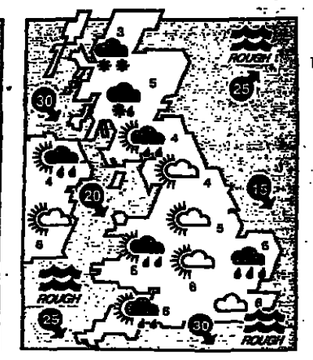
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.34	2.14
Austria Sch	18.93	17.33
Belgium Fr	56.12	51.72
Canada $	2.085	1.935
Cyprus Cyp$	0.790	0.740
Denmark Kr	10.55	09.75
Finland Mkk	9.28	08.48
France Fr	9.12	8.42
Germany Dm	2.69	2.48
Greece Dr	365.50	360.60
Hong Kong $	12.16	11.15
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2610.00	2455.00
Japan Yen	181.00	161.50
Malta	0.620	0.565
Netherlands Gld	2.960	2.760
Norway Kr	11.62	10.82
Portugal Esc	270.50	262.00
South Africa Rd	5.75	4.85
Spain Pts	218.00	204.00
Sweden Kr	13.04	12.24
Switzerland Fr	2.30	2.12
Turkey Lira	21390.0	20390.0
USA $	1.565	1.455

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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London 3.54 pm to 8.04 am
Bristol 4.04 pm to 8.13 am
Edinburgh 3.40 pm to 8.42 am
Manchester 3.51 pm to 8.23 am
Penzance 4.22 pm to 8.18 am

Sun rises: 8.04 am
Sun sets: 3.54pm
Moon sets 3.54 pm
Moon rises 11.43 am

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YESTERDAY

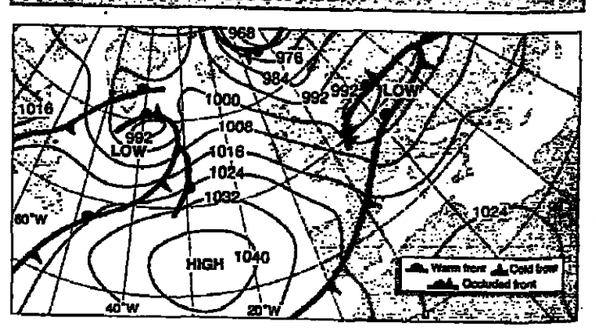
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	1	34	s	Guernsey	12	54	d
B'mingham	3	37	r	Inverness	1	34	s
Blackpool	3	37	s	Jersey	12	54	d
Bristol	4	39	r	London	4	39	r
Cardiff	4	39	d	M'nchster	4	39	f
Edinburgh	-1	30	f	Newcastle	2	36	f
Glasgow	-1	30	f	R'nldsway	4	39	f

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.48	6.1	7.30	6.0	Liverpool	4.19	7.5	4.42	7.7
Aberdeen	6.57	3.4	6.56	3.5	Lowestoft	2.16	2.3	3.37	2.1
Avonmouth	12.21	10.4	—	—	Margate	4.55	4.2	5.44	3.9
Belfast	4.35	2.8	4.51	3.1	Milford Haven	11.34	5.6	—	—
Cardiff	—	—	12.05	9.8	Newquay	10.33	5.7	11.02	5.4
Devonport	10.32	4.7	11.09	4.4	Oban	11.01	3.2	11.05	3.0
Dover	4.04	5.8	4.42	5.3	Penzance	9.46	4.7	10.26	4.4
Falmouth	10.02	4.5	10.39	4.2	Portland	11.11	1.5	11.53	1.4
Glasgow	5.49	4.3	6.05	4.5	Portsmouth	4.31	4.2	4.42	3.9
Harwich	4.34	3.5	5.16	3.4	Shoreham	4.10	5.2	4.40	4.9
Holyhead	3.42	4.4	3.56	4.6	Southampton	4.22	3.8	4.34	3.6
Hull	11.27	5.8	11.49	6.2	Swansea	11.39	7.6	—	—
Ilfracombe	11.15	7.3	11.37	6.9	Tees	9.25	4.3	9.34	4.5
King's Lynn	11.56	5.0	.....	—	W'ton-on-Nze	4.34	3.7	5.16	3.5
Leith	6.12	4.6	8.20	4.6					

NOON TODAY



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Bearing gifts to participating

Yorkshire link looks less likely for LWT

By MARTIN WALKER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

LWT Holdings weekend ... in a £650 million battle with ... seems to have ... from a defence ... third ITV company ... ished Yorkshire-Tyne Tees

So far, LWT ... only that explanations ... taking place ... However, remarks ... analysts yesterday ... Christopher ... chairman, has been ... lessening the chance ... link, which under ... rules, would require ... shire to dispose of ... Tees franchise.

Sir Christopher, ... the launch of LWT's ... ence document, said ... business was "an ... driven company with ... stantial management ... holding. "That is how ... asked to be judged. ... We won't put a deal ... shareholders unless ... show it would be good ... earnings per share.

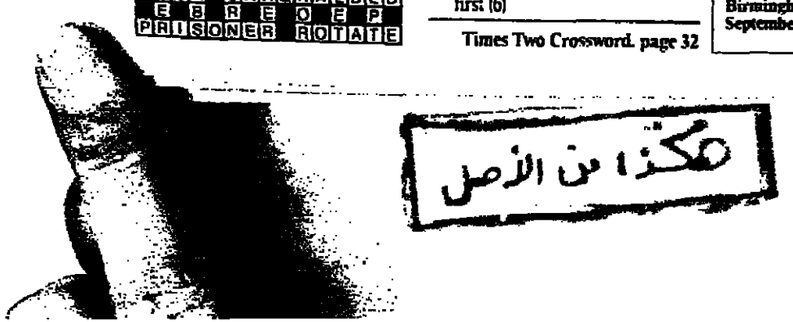
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Helen Mirren adds grace to the grisly in Prime Suspect 3



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SIMON WALKER

Bearing gifts: Lord Tugendhat, chairman of Abbey National, hopes to persuade the bank's customers to take up a different Abbey Habit by participating in a charity raffle. Abbey is offering 700 teddybears as prizes and aims to raise £85,000 in its Christmas Appeal for ChildLine

Mercury to start legal action over Oftel ruling

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

MERCURY, the telecommunications company, yesterday announced that it is to take legal action against Oftel, the industry's regulator, over the company's interconnection with BT.

While the legal move by Mercury does not amount to a judicial review of Oftel's recent decision on the charges and policy of BT interconnection, it is a clear declaration that Mercury is unwilling to let pass without challenge what it saw as the opportunity for a broader examination of interconnection presented by the Oftel review.

Earlier this month, Oftel issued its long-awaited determination on interconnection, setting both the charges and the policy framework for other telecommunications firms using BT services to complete their calls.

Mercury yesterday served notice on Oftel that it is to apply for a declaratory judgment — a form of legal proceeding which the company hopes will secure a judicial ruling on that part of BT's operating licence from the Government that sets the terms of the interconnection.

The company said that it hoped for a hearing of the case early in the new year, with the aim of resolving the charging procedure for the interconnection. Oftel currently interprets the licence as a pence-per-minute charge, while Mercury wants it to reflect call capacity. Mercury says that this method means its interconnect payments are wholly aligned with BT's retail prices, limiting Mercury's ability to offer customers fully-differentiated pricing packages.

Mike Harris, Mercury's chief executive, said: "We are determined to use every means possible to break BT's dominance. On this occasion, it means using the courts." It was unacceptable, he said, to have lawyers arguing about the precise meaning of the licence condition covering interconnection; the legal approach was the "most effective" way to resolve the issue.

Oftel said it was satisfied that its recent determination on interconnection complied with the conditions of BT's licence, and said it was giving "active consideration" to the idea that operators competing with BT, chaired by Iain Vallance, should be free to implement pricing strategies without being constrained by BT's own pricing structure.

A spokesman for Don Cruickshank, Director General of Telecommunications, said that Mercury had been invited to put forward detailed proposals for the practical implementation of an interconnect charging system based on capacity.

Mercury said that if the court agreed with its interpretation of the licence conditions, the telecommunications market would genuinely be opened to full competition, with the benefits felt by both customers and competitors.



Vallance: competitors

BUSINESS EDITOR
Robert Ballantyne

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SPARKLING

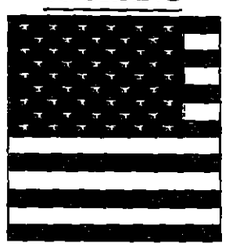


Diamonds are a girl's best friend, sang Marilyn Monroe. They are doing De Beers, the diamond company, no harm either
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Abu Dhabi rulers were looking for a safe, secure investment when they put $2.6 billion into a special BCCI account
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BOC, the gas group, became the first industrial customer to draw electricity directly from the National Grid, so saving money
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Yorkshire link looks less likely for LWT

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

LWT Holdings, the London weekend broadcaster locked in a £650 million takeover battle with Granada Group, seems to have stepped back from a defensive link with a third ITV company, impoverished Yorkshire-Tyne Tees.

So far, LWT has admitted only that exploratory talks are taking place with Yorkshire. However, remarks to City analysts yesterday by Sir Christopher Bland, LWT's chairman, have been taken as lessening the chance of any link, which, under existing rules, would require Yorkshire to dispose of its Tyne Tees franchise.

Sir Christopher, speaking at the launch of LWT's first defence document, said that the business was "an earnings-driven company" with a substantial management shareholding. "That is how we have asked to be judged," he said. "We won't put a deal to shareholders unless we can show it would be good for earnings per share."

Analysts are unclear how any merger between profitable LWT and Yorkshire, which is next month expected to announce a year's loss of up to £10 million, can benefit the former. LWT is known to be looking at other options and may also have had talks with foreign media groups considering entry to Britain once rules are relaxed next month.

Granada last night formally replied to LWT's defence, saying that the "empty document" failed to say how LWT shareholders could get long-term growth in earnings and cash if LWT stayed independent or linked with Yorkshire. A market scenting eventual victory lifted Granada's shares 7p to 527p, and LWT's 6p to 605p.

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Savings outflow fuels revival hopes

BY SARA MCCONNELL AND JANET BUSH

■ **Building societies fear increased competition from National Savings next month, when a new granny bond will offer pensioners a higher return**

BUILDING society savers withdrew £400 million more funds than they deposited last month, the largest outflow since September 1986. The news comes as societies face continuing battles with banks in the mortgage market and a renewed fight against National Savings for savers' funds, when the pensioners' bond is launched in the new year.

A batch of other economic figures confirmed that the recovery is being led by consumers, who have become more confident in spite of facing swingeing tax rises in the next two years, with little prospect of large wage increases. Yesterday's economic statistics showed that the recovery continued in the third quarter and that Britain's trade performance has improved sharply (although trade figures still carry a serious statistical health warning).

Adrian Coles, director-general of the Building Societies Association, said last month had been "one of the worst months ever" for attracting and keeping savers' funds. There was no single reason for this, as in September 1986, when funds dipped dramatically as savers withdrew money for the TSB flotation. Last month's outflows were due partly to continuing low interest rates on savers' deposits, which encouraged people into equity investments, such as unit trusts and personal equity plans.

Separate figures from the Central Statistical Office showed that the savings ratio fell in the third quarter to 10.6 per cent from 11.7 per cent.

Gross domestic product grew 0.6 per cent between the second and third quarters and was 2.1 per cent up a year ago. Leading the recovery was consumer spending, which increased 1 per cent in real terms between the latest two quarters and was 2.6 per cent higher than a year ago. The rise in consumer spending came in spite of a 0.3 per cent drop in personal disposable income, adjusted for inflation, showing that consumers were dipping into their savings.

The Treasury confirmed that recovery is "under way across a broad front", but the CSO put the figures in context, saying that the fall in the savings ratio still left it at double the 1988 level, at the height of the consumer boom.

The British Bankers' Association said that total lending by the main British banks to the private sector rose by a seasonally adjusted £2.08 billion in November, up from £1.95 billion in October. The bulk of that lending was to the financial sector, with companies continuing to repay bank debt and s small overall rise in lending to consumers. The Bank of England said that M4, which is dominated by private sector lending, rose 0.4 per cent in November for an annual rise of 4.9 per cent, still disappointingly weak.

If outflows continue, building societies will have difficulty funding mortgage lending and will increase their pressure on the Government to abolish the existing 40 per cent limit on the funds societies can raise from the wholesale markets. Last month, societies recorded inflows of £1.2 billion from the wholesale market, the largest for two years.

Mortgage lending last month picked up, with net advances increasing from £825 million in October to £880 million. Net new commitments increased to £2.7 billion from £2.5 billion.

In another release, the CSO said that Britain's current account deficit narrowed sharply in the third quarter to £1.6 billion from £2.3 billion in the second quarter. The shortfall on visible trade was down to £2.4 billion, compared with £3.1 billion in the second quarter, with exports rising 4 per cent and imports increasing by 1.5 per cent. The surplus on invisible trade rose to £800 million from £700 million.

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Shares stay in record form

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

SHARES in London continued their record-breaking run, adding more than £6 billion to the value of Britain's publicly quoted companies as the prospect of lower interest rates and good economic news continued to buoy market sentiment.

Strong gains in the March FT-SE futures and stock shortages helped to underpin advances in the cash market.

The FT-SE 100 index raced to a new intra-day trading high of 3,369.0 during the afternoon, though light profit-taking trimmed gains before the close. The index still finished at another record close, advancing 27.8 points to 3,364.9. Consumer shares led the way, though stores were mixed against a background of confusing pre-Christmas sales indicators. Merchant banks and financials reflected buoyant market activity.

Second-line issues were also in demand, with the wider-based FT-SE mid 250 index climbing 18.7 to a new closing peak of 3,710.4. Volume was respectable for the time of year, reaching 748.9 million shares. Hopes of lower interest rates and good economic news have fuelled optimism on near-term prospects for the equity market.

The FT-SE 100's recent run, which has seen the index advance 18.2 per cent so far this year, has prompted more securities houses to raise their FT-SE forecasts for the end of 1994.

Robert Buckland at Nat-West Securities has lifted his forecast from 3,400 to 3,600, though Nick Knight, at Nomura, continues to be the equity market's "raging bull" by forecasting a staggering FT-SE 100 target level of 4,000 by the end of 1994. The latter sounds optimistic, to say the least, but it might be worth noting that there were not many in the City who took seriously Mr Knight's prediction a year ago that the FT-SE would reach 3,500 by the end of 1993.

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Bids for studio due in

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON
IN NEW YORK

THE latest bids for Paramount Communications were due to be put in sealed envelopes and handed to the board last night.

The fight is likely to stay a duel, but, for the first time, Martin Davis, Paramount's chairman, will have to give the same careful consideration to QVC Network's hostile bid as to the offer by the preferred merger partner, Viacom, the cable television concern.

Until the Delaware Supreme Court two weeks ago dismantled anti-takeover armour put up by Paramount and Viacom, QVC had been shut out from serious bidding and its offer had been rejected by Paramount's board. Judges held that it was for Paramount shareholders to decide ownership of the media group.

As a result, although Paramount's board will endorse one or other offer, either side may increase its bid within the next ten days and the winner will be the first to complete a tender offer for 51 per cent of the shares. Both sides were scrambling this weekend to knit together fresh bids expected to include more cash and less equity and to value Paramount at between $90 and $92 a share, or $10.6 billion to $10.9 billion. At current prices, QVC's offer is $10.1 billion and Viacom's $9.6 billion.

QVC, headed by Barry Diller, is backed by two cable television companies, one of America's biggest publishers and a telephone company, which have chipped in $3 billion. Loans make its war chest $6 billion. Viacom has a $2 billion fighting fund and loans.

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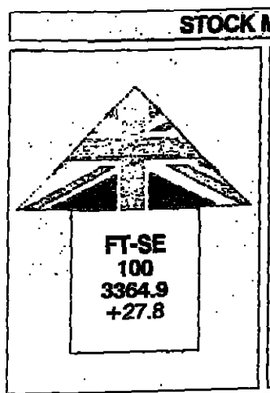
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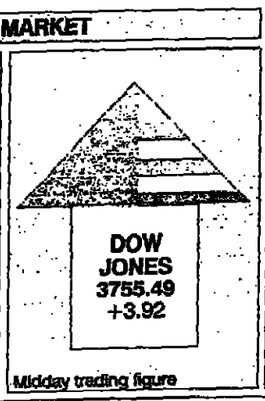
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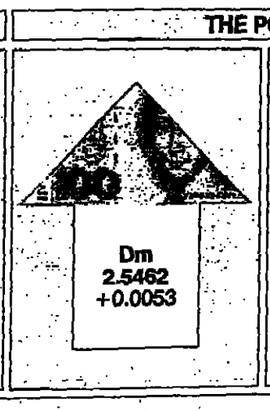
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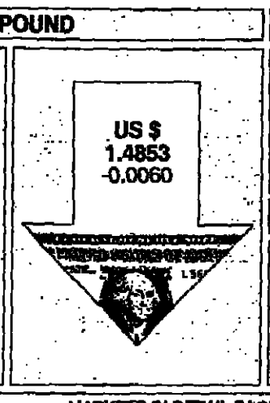




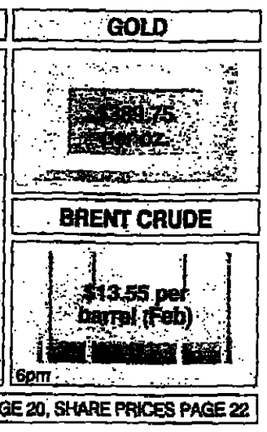
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BCCI 'looted most of Abu Dhabi's £2.6bn'

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

THE rulers of Abu Dhabi say they were looking for a safe, secure investment vehicle when, in 1989, they put $2.6 billion into a special account to be managed by the Cayman Islands subsidiary of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahyan and Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahyan claimed they received regular statements of investments from the special deposit account, number 20071, held in International Credit and Investment Company (ICIC), BCCI's Cayman Islands operation. These were apparently undertaken on their behalf by Agha Hasan Abedi, the founder and president of BCCI who was the only person authorised to transfer funds from their account. David Sandy, a partner with Simmons & Simmons, the law firm acting for the Abu Dhabis, said almost all the money in the portfolio was looted between 1981 and 1990. He added: "We have calculated that had the portfolio been properly invested it would now be worth $7 billion."

In general terms, he said, the funds went to support BCCI's loss-making treasury operation, to support the Gulf Group, a Pakistani shipping concern, and into black holes caused by non-performing and fictitious loans in other parts of the bank.

He alleged that despite written instructions from the sheikhs that Mr Abedi was the only one with authority to transfer funds, Swaleh Naqvi, his deputy, appeared to control the account.

In June 1983, the first detailed valuation report on the portfolio account was sent to the Abu Dhabi ruling family. However, BCCI officers also produced corresponding internal statements, often handwritten, to remind themselves how the funds were actually being used.

In a statement of deposit sent to the Abu Dhabis on March 31 1987, ICIC shows $316 million in a BCCI call account. The same amount appears in an internal document showing the money had gone to other BCCI operations. A statement of investment, on March 31, 1988, shows $950 million invested in US Treasury bonds. An internal document shows it went elsewhere.

Simmons & Simmons has documented what it believes to be the first theft from the fund on April 30 1981, just three weeks after authority had been given to Mr Abedi to transfer funds in and out of the account. It estimates that the Gulf Group received $600 million of portfolio monies in order to disguise the huge scale of its indebtedness to BCCI from 1981 to 1989.

BCCI's treasury division had been a significant source of reported profits for the bank. But Mr Sandy claimed that Ziauddin Akbar, the head of the operation, had been using funds either belonging to other BCCI clients or from the Abu Dhabi portfolio to hide losses which, from 1980 to 1985, were over $1.5 billion.

In 1986, BCCI was coming under pressure from Abu Dhabi. Ghanim Mazrui, chairman of the Abu Dhabi Department of Personal Affairs of Sheikh Zayed, was asked by the rulers to examine the way the portfolio was being managed.

A file note made by Mr Naqvi in early 1987 shows he was worried the portfolio account was about to become subject to an external audit. A letter from Mr Naqvi to Mr Mazrui, dated November 14, 1989, but apparently never sent, shows how worried he had become. In it he gives warning that any step, such as an independent audit of the portfolio by a big firm of auditors "will give rise to unnecessary speculation" about BCCI.

Mr Sandy said: "Investigations have established that over $1.6 billion was secretly transferred from the portfolio to BCCI SA and BCCI (Overseas), and a further $1.475 billion was paid to BCCI-related affiliates." A civil action against 13 former BCCI executives, with a claim for $9 billion, were launched in Abu Dhabi yesterday. Mr Abedi, now living in Pakistan, is being sued in his absence.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Atlantic creditors to receive 19p in pound

THE liquidators of Atlantic Computers Systems, the crashed computer leasing subsidiary of British & Commonwealth, have announced their first dividend since the company failed in April 1990. Thousands of creditors, including many banks and financial institutions as well as suppliers, will receive 19p in the pound. John Soden of Price Waterhouse, a joint liquidator of the firm, said: "The payout adds up to £32 million and has been made out of net recoveries of £39 million. There is a possibility of a future payout if we make further recoveries, but there are hurdles to overcome first."

When the company collapsed it had debts of £450 million, said Mr Soden. After negotiations these were reduced to £170 million of "potential agreed claims". Further recoveries may be made from the Atlantic Group, which had more than 120 companies throughout the world, and from Spicer & Oppenheim, auditors to Atlantic. Spicer has since merged with Touche Ross. Creditors to Atlantic International Brokerage, another subsidiary of Atlantic Computers, have received a first dividend of 4½p.

BTR buys in America

BTR has paid $21.4 million for the industrial batteries business of Gates Energy Products in Warrensburg, Missouri. The acquisition includes pure lead battery technology patented by Gates, and the deal was made by BTR's unit Hawker Batteries, which bought Gates' plant in Britain five years ago. The new business will carry the Hawker name and will be developed into a state of the art manufacturing facility. It will support Hawker's US sales programme and offer new products that may be marketed in Europe and the Pacific Rim.

Banks facing rebuke

FOREIGN banks are expected to be strongly criticised today when the Indian parliamentary committee investigating India's biggest financial scandal reports. The Reserve Bank of India is considered unlikely to escape blame for failing to prevent the $1.28 billion fraud uncovered last year. There are likely to be penalties for banks involved. Five foreign banks are among the 32 named as offenders in the scandal, in which bankers and stockbrokers are accused of colluding to divert funds illegally from trading in government securities to fuel a boom on the Bombay Stock Exchange.

CrestaCare purchase

CRESTACARE, the third-biggest nursing home group in northern England and Ulster, is to buy the 42-bed Ashcroft Nursing Home, in Chesterfield, in a cash, shares and loan note deal. CrestaCare, which has 34 clinics, is paying Peter Knights and Vivien Farrow, the vendors, £1.09 million in cash, and issuing 169,014 ordinary shares at 35.5p (totalling £60,000), and £100,000 in the form of a loan note at 6 per cent interest. The acquisition is the first by the company since its £31.6 million placing and open offer in July, which corresponded with the acquisition of eight nursing homes.

Thornton leaps 280%

A SHARP reduction in central costs, and recovery in the educational and scientific furniture division where losses of £272,000 were turned into profits of £138,000, pushed interim profits up 280 per cent for British Thornton Holdings, the packaging company. Overall, pre-tax profits for the six months to October 31 leapt from £301,000 to £1.15 million, and the interim dividend is 2.5p on earnings per share up from 2p to 6.6p. Brian North, chairman, said profits in the firm's Masterpack contract packaging subsidiary had risen 13 per cent to a record £1.12 million in the period.

Fletcher King edges up

A SLOWLY reviving property market has led to a small increase in half-time profits at Fletcher King, the estate agency and surveying group. Pre-tax profits rose to £74,000, from £71,000, in the six months to October 31. The interim dividend is maintained at 0.5p on unchanged earnings of 0.5p a share. David Fletcher, chairman, said: "After a number of false starts, the economy does at last seem to be moving forward." Most areas of the property market had bottomed out, Mr Fletcher said, and some areas, notably investment property, had seen significant rises in value.

UK set for growth with low inflation says OECD

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

BRITAIN should enjoy moderate growth with low inflation over the next two years, but whether this benign picture can be sustained depends on whether there has been a fundamental change in wage and price behaviour, according to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

However, its latest assessment of Britain's economic prospects was compiled before the November 30 Budget and does not take account of Kenneth Clarke's substantial spending cuts and tax increases, expected to cause a pause in the recovery.

The OECD's forecasts assume only a small fall in the general Government deficit, suggesting that the large fiscal tightening announced last month is not factored into its rather optimistic forecasts for the economy over the next two years. For example, its outlook assumes a public sector borrowing requirement of £49.5 billion in 1994-5, whereas the Government's official prediction is £38 billion.

At a press conference in Paris yesterday, Kumiharu Shigahara, the OECD's chief economist, said that, based on tentative analysis, the large fiscal tightening would cut its growth forecast for 1994 by only about 0.25 per cent to 2.75 per cent. This compares with the government's own forecast of growth next year of 2.50 per cent.

Mr Shigahara said the half-point interest rate cut before the Budget would help counter the effect of the fiscal tightening and that the pound's strength would offset any inflationary impact from rises in indirect taxes.

The OECD expects growth next year to be driven by a combination of higher consumer spending and further falls in the savings ratio as well as steady growth in residential construction.

The organisation still believes that the underlying rate of inflation could remain above the mid-point of the Government's target range. On unemployment, it said that it expected only a gradual decline to perhaps 9.5 per cent by 1995.

The OECD predicted a further strengthening in the US recovery after a pause in the rate of growth in the first half of this year. It also forecast that, although inflation is not likely to fall further, "neither are there any strong reasons to expect much in the way of acceleration, assuming a gradual withdrawal of monetary stimulus in 1994".

In Germany, a gradual moderation of wage and price pressures and the gradual cutting of interest rates are "producing the basis for a gradual pick-up of growth from the second half of 1994 on". As for Japan, with business confidence weak, banks still heavily burdened with bad loans and stock market and asset prices still falling, "any recovery in economic activity is expected to be slow, with 1994 likely to register, at best, very weak growth".



Edzard Reuter, left, and Daimler board colleague Hilmar Kopper, before the meeting that agreed to the merger

TUC leaders agree to radical changes

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BRITAIN'S senior trade union leaders yesterday agreed sweeping changes to the Trades Union Congress, including scrapping most of its long-standing internal policy-making committees, in the most radical reshaping of the TUC this century.

But the move by the TUC's "inner cabinet", the finance and general purposes committee, looks certain to provoke the opposition of senior union left-wingers, when the full TUC General Council meets tomorrow.

The abolition of virtually the entire committee structure of the TUC, which will go to the unions for consultation and that should be implemented by March, is a significant stage in the reform and relaunch of the TUC, which John Monks, the General Secretary, is determined to achieve.

The move marks the formal abandonment by the TUC of a structure mirroring that of the Civil Service, which is able to respond to government on all issues, and a move towards being a more successful lobbying organisation, along the lines of the revitalised Confederation of British Industry.

The finance committee approved without a vote proposals from Mr Monks scrapping a range of 15 committees, covering such areas as economic affairs, employment, training and Europe.

The finance committee itself would remain, redesignated as an executive committee, meeting monthly to oversee affairs between annual TUC conferences and setting up time-limited project teams on key issues, such as public sector pay now.

Committees that organise specific member-involving conferences, such as those covering race, equality and trades councils would also remain, which will draw much of the fire of union left-wingers, who might otherwise oppose the change.

Many senior union leaders welcomed the move as a break with the discredited recent past of the TUC. The see it as focusing on achieving goals, rather than committee work.

Backing for Daimler merger plan

SHAREHOLDERS in Daimler-Benz, Germany's industrial flagship, have given the go-ahead to a merger with Mercedes Holding, a company set up in 1976 to protect Daimler against a takeover from the Shah of Iran. It owns 25.23 per cent of Daimler (Colin Narbrough writes).

Edzard Reuter, the Daimler management board chairman, said the threat of hostile takeover no longer existed and the merger, via a one-for-one share swap, would give greater room for manoeuvre in capital markets.

Shares in Daimler jumped about 3 per cent to DM778.50 on the Frankfurt bourse, matching its all-time high, after comments by Herr Reuter to the extraordinary shareholders meeting in Berlin that Daimler's dividend would be maintained.

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☐ THE strength of Granada's paper — up 37p to 527p since the Bernstein/Robinson duo struck a little more than a fortnight ago — inevitably adds appeal to the share swap, lessens (arguably) the appeal of the 528p cash alternative and suggests that, barring the unforeseen, the City perceives a relatively rosy future for a Granada/LWT combination.

In unsettled markets, the threat of flying paper traditionally takes its toll on the value of that which is about to fly but bear markets are but a memory and, of scant comfort to the defenders of LWT, the City perspective is that Granada plus LWT looks distinctly more attractive than the conglomerate which Sir Christopher Bland, chairman of LWT, spent last weekend attacking.

Granada, for reasons best known to itself, has attempted to hustle throughout: witness the despatch of its official offer document within hours of the revelation of its takeover intentions. LWT's camp, sensibly enough, are resisting — one of the reasons why last weekend's defence document was, to all intents and purposes, little more than a holding statement.

Against this background, LWT is delaying its 1993 profit forecast until the new year, although speculation that this will also be accompanied by a profit prediction for 1994 would appear odds against. Nor has Bland, as yet, divulged details of LWT's much mooted "grand alliance" with Yorkshire-Tyne Tees and Anglia, other than to confirm that "preliminary discussions" are taking place with Yorkshire-Tyne Tees which might lead to an offer. By far the most intriguing aspect of LWT's defence was the prediction that further ITV deregulation may herald "powerful new entrants" into the markets with Bland & Co making the most of the fact that European contenders will be permitted to control an ITV licensee without ITC consent after the new year. Just for good measure LWT also emphasised the prospect of an imminent change in the cross-media ownership rules which currently restrict newspaper publishers from owning more than 20 per cent of conventional commercial television companies.

Those reading between the lines are left to conjure with the prospect of possible expressions of interest from the likes of German publisher Bertelsmann or France's Générale des Eaux and it is no secret that Pearson already holds a 14 per cent stake in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees.

All of which left Granada with little to chew on yesterday, other than to question (with reasonable cause) how a merger with Yorkshire will not serve to dilute LWT's earnings and ask the inevitable, namely what price LWT should Granada's offer lapse?

What shareholders (including Granada) are left to wait on is the "unforeseen." As things stand, Granada, with a 17.5 per cent springboard, is in pole position. LWT is left with everything to play for.

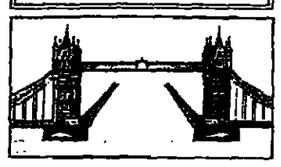
Not exactly spend, spend, spend . . .

☐ The savings ratio finally fell in the third quarter as consumers at last dipped into the money hoarded nervously since they were so stung by the severe monetary squeeze of the late 1980s. But any joy that people are beginning to spend more bravely must be heavily qualified.

First, the savings ratio at 10.6 per cent is still virtually double the 5.4 per cent registered in the third quarter of 1988 at the height of the 1980s spending spree. There is a glimmering that the substantial stockpile of savings is beginning to be raided but the money mountain remains immense.

The second, much more significant thing to bear in mind is that, come April, more than £8 billion is going to be sucked out of the spending power of consumers when the Lamont/Clarke tax rises come into effect. It is highly unlikely anyone has calculated what that is going to mean for household income when, as the OECD pointed out yesterday, wage settlements are at a 25-year low.

PENNINGTON



Almost all the tax cuts that helped finance the boom of the 1980s are now being snatched away again to pay for the damage wrought by another distastrous British stop-go cycle but, because of the neat political trick of announcing them in stages, they haven't drawn the political fire from the public that might have been expected. Consumers may have been spending in the autumn but who knows what they will feel like after April?

In 1995, another £15 billion is taken out of the economy but, by then, the economy should be stronger, unemployment will have fallen further and wage rises may be a little higher. But nobody can be confident that the consumer will go on leading the economy out of recession and frankly nobody should want that to be the case.

The proportion of the economy accounted for by consumer spending in the 1980s was way too high compared with contributions from investment and manufacturing and the assault on the consumer of the Lamont/Clarke budgets is not just about the deficit but about redressing that balance for the longer-term. Professor Wynne Godley of Cambridge estimated that it would take tax increases of £40 billion — about twice what is in the pipeline — to put the balance right and avoid a crisis in the balance of payments.

The trade statistics — as far as we can believe them — have been good, but another bout of consumer spending, unmatched by production and investment, will soon put a stop to that.

It is. So far.

☐ Mixed vibes are emanating from the City Road HQ of Newspaper Publishing ahead of today's widely publicised board meeting, scheduled for 10am, to debate wither next for the publishers of *The Independent* and the *Independent on Sunday*.

Word has it that Andreas Whittam Smith, co-founder and editor of *The Independent*, has held talks with a host of potential suitors: witness recent publicity over a possible link with Michael Green's Carlton, currently frying bigger fish in the shape of Central TV for £624 million.

Whittam Smith's requirements, thankfully, are somewhat less than this — perceived to be in the region of £10 million to £25 million — the conundrum being how to attract cash from those that are attracted while remaining "independent".

Today's formal tete-a-tete comes in the wake of informal talks with the *Telegraph* group, led by Canadian magnate Conrad Black, Mirror Group Newspapers, Associated Newspapers and Lord Stevens' United Newspapers. Whittam Smith, so the story goes, is favourably inclined towards a link with the *Telegraph* with Black's empire presumably taking a minority stake. Such a link could herald an MMC reference.

Meanwhile, Patrick Morrissey, chief executive, is still toying with a good old fashioned rights issue — a course of action which Spanish shareholders Grupo Prisa and Italy's *L'Espresso* are unlikely to relish bearing in mind that NP's shares are currently standing at around 100p compared with prices of £5 and £2.50p paid by the Europeans for key tranches of their near 40 per cent stake. As far as the Europeans are concerned, today's meeting is about a rescue, not a "rights."

BOC becomes first big user to tap into the national grid

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

☐ BOC, whose annual electricity bill exceeds £65 million, expects savings of up to £300,000 a year to arise from a trend-setting deal with National Grid

BOC, the industrial gases group, yesterday became the first industrial electricity customer to draw its power supply directly from the national grid in a move that the company believes is likely to be followed by other large industrial users of electricity.

The company said that the move, which came as major energy users said that there was no need for principal electricity generators to be referred for a monopolies enquiry, was the first direct electricity connection of this kind since privatisation of the electricity industry three years ago.

The move may also help the ambition of some regional electricity companies that National Grid should eventually stand alone.

BOC, which has a long-term deal with Scottish Hydro for supply of electricity to its 40-plus sites in the UK, made the link to National Grid's distribution at the gas company's new £45 million production and distribution complex at Brinsworth, South Yorkshire.

Previously, Yorkshire Electricity had provided the power transmission for the site, but BOC will now pay no distribution charges to Yorkshire after linking directly to National Grid at its neighbouring Templeborough substation.

BOC, whose annual electricity bill is about £65 million, funded the £300,000 capital cost of putting in transmission equipment, and sold the asset to National Grid to make the connection. BOC believes that direct transmission of electricity to the site could lead to "significant" annual savings of up to £300,000.

The Brinsworth plant is the UK's largest-ever investment in cryogenic air separation, liquefaction and pipeline distribution. When it comes on stream next year, the plant will feed some 450 tonnes of gaseous oxygen a day directly into the local pipeline system to serve users including steelworks in the Sheffield area.

Big electricity users have complained that they have been overcharged since privatisation, and BOC — which said yesterday that its power bills had risen by 30 per cent since then — welcomed what it called good news for big users.

Mike Brown, BOC's tonnage business director, said: "BOC and National Grid have worked hard on this innovative approach to reduce the costs of the scheme."

In a separate move, big industrial power users put the onus for protecting customers, including big ones, on Stephen Littlechild, the electricity industry regulator, and said that, provided certain changes to the pool pricing system were achieved, there was no need for him to refer generating companies for investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

In a report, the Major Energy Users' Council said that the upward trend in electricity prices since privatisation was driven by the energy component of pool prices. Peter Rost, chairman, called for "sensible reforms".

The report, prepared for the council by the consultants Ilex Associates, said that rising prices were a "direct function" of generators' bidding behaviour in the pool, and urged Professor Littlechild to regulate bids more heavily if need be.

GGT held back by UK trade

By Martin Waller

A WEAK performance from its British advertising agency held progress back at Gold Greenlees Trott, the media group, in the half year to October 31. Failing to match an 18 per cent rise in total revenues to £25.8 million, pre-tax profits rose by just 3 per cent to £2.24 million, the improvement accounted for by a drop in interest expenses following last year's rights issue.

Michael Greenlees, the joint chairman, said clients were looking for shorter term commitments of advertising spending, which combined with difficult trading in Britain to make forecasting profits more difficult. However, the interim dividend is increased from an adjusted 3.15p to 3.30p. The shares held at 206p.

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Unilever buys for £220m in France

By Susan Gilchrist

UNILEVER, the Anglo-Dutch detergents to food group, is acquiring Ortiz-Miko, the leading French frozen foods and ice cream business, for £220 million.

Unilever is taking a 75 per cent controlling stake in Safral, the holding company that owns 85 per cent of Ortiz-Miko, and will make a public offer for the remaining 15 per cent of the shares which are traded on the French stock exchange.

Ortiz-Miko, which has sales of more than Fr5 billion, owns the Miko ice cream brand, with operations in France, Germany and Belgium and is a leading player in the French frozen foods market. Unilever is to sell the Vivagel prepared meals business, which has sales of about Fr700 million, to BSN, the French foods group. The acquisition will strengthen Unilever's position in the French ice cream market, where it operates primarily in the grocery trade through its Carte d'Or, Viennetta, Cornetto and Magnum brands. Ortiz-Miko has a strong presence in the impulse market and in the professional catering sector. The deal will also increase development opportunities for the group in other European countries.

The move marks the end of a busy year for Unilever, which has spent about £750 million on acquisitions in the past 12 months, including the purchase of the American ice cream business of Kraft General Foods in September and the acquisition of the frozen bread, cake and buns operations of Menissez, the French food group, earlier this month.

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Diamonds — still a girl's best friend

By Colin Narbrough

DIAMOND jewellery sales are set to have a more sparkling 1993, according to the De Beers group.

Americans, who provide the biggest single market, are buying more diamonds in the crucial Thanksgiving to Christmas period, when about 40 per cent of all diamond jewellery sales take place. East Asian sales are also up.

The industry is hoping for a slight rise over 1992 despite a decline in volume sales in Japan, one of the key markets for diamonds, but the De Beers' Central Selling Organisation (CSO) reports higher sales in dollar terms because of the stronger yen. European demand remains weak.

The prospects for next year will depend on how robust the global recovery is, the CSO says. Last year, world diamond jewellery sales totalled 55 million pieces, worth $41 billion. Andrew Lamont, a CSO spokesman, attributed the retail diamond trade's ability to maintain, or even improve sales at times of recession in part to its "rights of passsage" advertising, which emphasises the role of the diamond in marking the special occasion.

CSO, which accounts for 80 per cent of the world rough diamond sales, has seen sales of rough diamonds jump 28 per cent this year to a record $4.37 billion, with most of the gains arising from a powerful surge in demand in the first half. The previous best was $4.17 billion of sales in 1988.

In the second half this year, sales were 12 per cent up on the same period last year at $1.82 billion. In the first half, they jumped 42 per cent to $2.54 billion. But the first-half surge was attributed to special factors, such as restocking in America, as its economy recovered, the removal of a temporary 20 per cent export surcharge on Russian polished goods and an end to the withholding policy De Beers adopted to offset the flow of illicit diamonds from war-torn Angola.

CSO commented that although the general rough diamond market appeared satisfactory, there were "some signs of over supply" in the lower and cheaper quality range of rough diamonds, where material from Russian and American industrial and technical stockpiles affected supply. In February, CSO raised the price of rough diamonds 15 per cent, affecting stones above three quarters of a carat, where demand was strongest.

The $1 billion deal that De Beers concluded with Moscow in 1990, under which the CSO markets 95 per cent of Russia's rough diamond exports, was "working well", Mr Lamont said. "Repayments due and interest have been paid, and on time," he added.

On the Angola front, he said that the political situation had deteriorated this year, with the peace process halted once again, which has restricted the trade in illicit Angolan diamonds.



Marilyn Monroe displaying the diamond sparkle

Ivory & Sime lifts profit 22%

By Sarah Bagnall

IVORY & Sime, the investment manager, lifted pre-tax profit by 22 per cent, to £2.8 million, in the six months to October 31.

Funds managed rose 12.6 per cent to a record £3.7 billion, in spite of losing contracts to run the New Frontiers Development investment trust and the Merchant Navy Officers pension fund. Compensation of £1.26 million was received.

David Newbigging, chairman, said: "The company has been successful in attracting funds from both new and existing clients, particularly in North America."

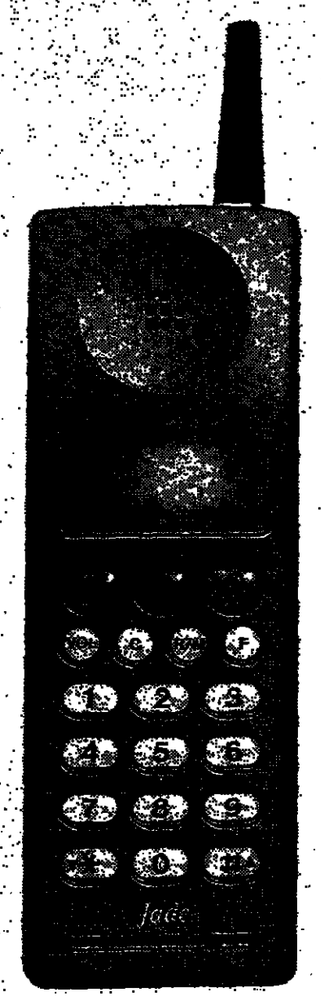
The interim dividend rises 28.6 per cent, from 1.75p to 2.25p, on earnings of 5.9p a share (4.9p). The higher payout reflects a desire to adjust balance interim and final payments to a target ratio of 1:2. Mr Newbigging said the board hoped to pay a final dividend of not less than last year's 4.75p, making not less than 7p for the year.

The Ivory & Sime ISIS Trust, launched in June, has performed well. Continuing operations generated net cash of £2.2 million (£4.1 million).

British Gas in Argentina power deal

BRITISH Gas has bought a 45 per cent stake in the gas-fired Central Dock Sud power station in Buenos Aires for £16.2 million. The share is being sold by local firms and is the second British Gas move into Argentina's power industry. It already holds a 29 per cent stake in MetroGas, a distribution firm in Buenos Aires.

Russell Herbert, managing director of BG's global gas division, said: "Power generation in Argentina has major potential for growth and presents significant opportunities for good returns." At present, the station supplies power to the national electricity pool, but in future most of its output will be contracted direct to major industrial and commercial customers.



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Another £6 billion added to shares' bull run

THE market's record-breaking run continued as encouraging economic figures and futures buying helped lift the cash market. But gains were exaggerated, with prices squeezed higher because dealers remained short of stock in the run-up to Christmas.

The market's recent run has been fuelled by hopes of another interest rate cut soon, though the latest gross domestic product and balance of payments figures indicated that such a cut may not be immediately necessary. The futures market received an early boost, with Goldman Sachs said to have been a big buyer of the March series.

The scenario of lower interest rates and good economic news has prompted optimism on near-term prospects for the equity market from Martin Lupton, head of trading at Kleinwort Benson. Mr Lupton expects the FT-SE 100 to reach "3,400 or better" over the next couple of weeks. He said: "The market is set fair to go higher; the momentum is still on the upside."

A mildly positive start on Wall Street bolstered sentiment in London and the FT-SE 100 index raced to a new intra-day trading high of 3,369.0 during the afternoon, though light profit-taking trimmed gains before the close. The index finished at another record close, gaining 27.8 points to 3,364.9. Among second-liners, the wider-based FT-SE mid-250 index hit a new closing peak of 3,710.4, up 18.7 points. More than £6 billion was added to share values. Volume was reasonable for the time of year, reaching 748.9 million.

STOCK MARKET

There were widespread gains for a number of consumer issues including **Reed International**, up 18p at 862p, **BAT**, 11p firmer at 535p, **MEPC**, up 15p at 563p and **Allied-Lyons**, 14p stronger at 657p.

The television sector continued in the spotlight. Speculation that a deal between Yorkshire Tyne-Tees Television and LWT, the London weekend broadcaster, is foundering left **Yorkshire** 7p weaker at 151p, while **LWT** firmed 6p to 605p. **Granada** also gained, adding 7p to 527p after LWT published its defence document against the North West broadcaster's hostile £600 million takeover bid.

ICI went against the trend as Friday's late selling pressure in New York combined with the collapse of European plans to cut ethylene capacity. ICI shares slid to 734p before recovering to close at 753½p, down 14p.

British Steel was another casualty, falling 7½p to 125½p, on volume of 19 million shares under the cloud of growing uncertainty about steel prices and anger at the European Union's subsidy package for state-owned steel makers.

BP, up 9p to 357p, continued to attract investor attention in the wake of last week's presentations to analysts. Elsewhere **Shell** firmed 6p to 718p.

British Aerospace gained 14p to 401p, boosted as S G Warburg reiterated its positive stance. Warburg is staying with its medium/longer term target of £5 for the stock. But **Rolls-Royce** fell 4½p to 166½p, with reports of a profits downgrading.

Among foods manufacturers, **Cadbury-Schweppes** rose 8p to 506p and **United Biscuits** 8p to 356p as both companies presented to analysts. Elsewhere in the sector, **Dalgety**, due to have an analysts visit today, eased 1p to 473p, while **Hillsdown** added 6p to 157p, on heavy volume of 11 million.

Retailers were firmer on hopes of a late shoppers' spending spree. **Argos** added 5p to 381p, **Boots** 7p to 557p, **Dixons** 2p to 271p, **Kingfisher** 2p to 719p, **Next** 2p to 214p and **WH Smith A** 9p to 526p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The gilt market failed to hold initial rises. The long gilt future reached the £120 11/32 resistance level, but drifted to close three ticks lower at £119 24/32, on a volume of 32,000 contracts traded for the March series. The cash market was also a little easier.

PHILIP PANGALOS



ANTHONY HARRIS

A mere 369 shopping days to Christmas 1994

This is the season of news of a last-minute Christmas shopping rush — or should that be last-minute news of a Christmas shopping rush? Either way, it doesn't mean a thing; but it may help to explain why this is also the traditional season for bullish market forecasts, all lit up with a fairy on top. The odd thing this year is that the shopping forecasts for 1994 are as hard to make as the market forecasts. The events of the next 369 shopping days (for Christmas Day now seems to be the only day of the year on which the shops are actually shut) will determine whether 1994 is going to see the long-expected recovery, or a flop.

Both in the US and here, spending has been much stronger than even bullish forecasters expected — but will it be sustained? *Business Week* has helpfully published projections from 50 of America's leading commercial forecasters. Their US growth numbers (and there is usually a consensus about the near future) range from 4.3 to 1.5 per cent in real terms, which makes the Chancellor's Seven Wise Men look like a college of copycats.

This comes down to guessing how spenders will respond to the Clinton tax increases; for Clinton read Clarke, and you have the British puzzle. There are broadly two theories, held by modest forecasters, who tend to be bullish, and self-confident ones, who lean the other way. The modest bulls admit they may have missed something last year: unexpectedly strong price-cutting, and bargain credit offers. Cheap credit has unfrozen the housing market in the US and the durables market in both countries, and as long as credit remains cheap it seems safe to pencil in another strong consumer year. The rival theory is that the boom was only a blip — stored up replacement demand which will soon be satisfied, so that pessimistic forecasting equations will come right. Those equations say that higher taxes will sink spending. Take your pick from the bran tub.

Now for the stock market. The good news is that there is a consensus: prices are still on the way up. This is no surprise. Efficient market theory says that market trends are impossible to predict, because all current knowledge is reflected in current prices; but in fact low current equity yields mean that a further rise is priced in. If equities have peaked, they are already too high.

The bad news, for those of a cynical turn of mind, is that the bullish consensus is the current *Business Week* cover story. A few years ago, that would have been an unmistakable "sell" signal: *BW* had built up an unsullied record of celebrating every trend with a cover story just as it reached its turning point. In the last few years, though, *BW* has developed an annoying tendency to get some things right. You can't depend on anyone these days.

You can again take your pick — or you can follow the old slogan, and leave something for the buyer. Professor Patrick Minford, who gives portfolio advice in the time he can spare from being an economic Wise Man (and one with a rather good track record) is recommending a partial move into cash, although he does not forecast a market fall yet. That seems to me a sensible attitude.

Finally, a footnote on our own effort at tipping: the fashionable and unfashionable portfolios we introduced three moths ago, reviving William Rees-Mogg's old champions, Mr In and Lord Out. So far, as you might expect in a continuing bull market, Mr In is winning. His portfolio of Land Securities, SG Warburg, Next, Wimpey, Cable and Wireless and HSBC is up 13.4 per cent in three months, outperforming the market by nearly 4.5 per cent. *Considering that one pick, Wimpey, looks a mistake so far, this is nice going.*

Lord Out's high-yield portfolio contains Tesco, Tate and Lyle, Hanson, BATs, British Gas and Williams Holdings. Only Tesco has failed to rise, and the list as a whole is up 9 per cent, exactly in line with the market — which is not bad for a list chosen for its defensive qualities should prices break. Quarterly reports will continue.

Meanwhile, seasonal good wishes to alls bulls and bears.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4853 (-0.0060)
German mark .... 2.5462 (+0.0053)
Exchange index .... 81.5 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3364.9 (+27.8)
Dow Jones .... 3755.49 (+3.92)*
Nikkei Avg .... 17404.24 (-647.67)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5½%
3-month Interbank 5 7/16-5⅜%
US Federal Funds 3%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.04-3.03%*
Long Bond 6.30%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$. 1.4855*	£:$ 1.4855
$:DM .. 1.7135*	£:DM 2.5474
$:SWfr. 1.4625*	£:SWfr 2.1741
$:Ffr ... 5.8408*	£:Ffr 8.6820
$:Yen . 110.53*	£:Yen 164.30
£:SDR . 1.0752	£:ECU 1.3170

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 389.75 .... PM 389.75
Close 389.50-390.00
New York:
Comex 389.55-390.05*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $13.55 per bbl (Feb)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 141.6 Nov (1.4%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

HSBC .... 879p (+14p)
SG Warburg .... 914p (+16p)
Amber Ind .... 725p (+40p)
Highland Distl .... 364p (+10p)
Manders .... 368p (+18p)
Austin Reed .... 172p (+13p)
Forminster .... 690p (+52p)
Micro Focus .... 920p (+15p)
Reed Int .... 862p (+18p)
British Aerospace .... 401p (+14p)
Euro Disney .... 400p (+12p)
BAT .... 535p (+11p)
Mitel .... 378p (+18p)
Vodafone .... 574p (+14p)
API .... 410p (+18p)
Park Foods .... 270p (+23p)
MEPC .... 563p (+15p)

FALLS:

ICI .... 753½p (-14p)
Takeda Chem .... 701p (-31p)

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Tokyo shares suffer biggest fall of year

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

THE Tokyo stock market responded to Japan's increasingly gloomy economic outlook yesterday, recording the biggest drop of the year. The Nikkei average fell 647.67 points to close at 17,404.24, wiping out most of the minor gains of last week.

Yoshihisa Kitai, an economist at Long Term Credit Bank, said: "I am very gloomy about the Japanese economy. There is simply very little to hope for at the moment to pull us out of this downward slide. The market will carry on falling unless something positive emerges, or unless the ministry of finance repeats last week's orchestrated rescue."

The package of political reforms put forward by Morihiro Hosokawa, the prime minister, has been holding up parliamentary debate on important issues, such as an income tax cut to boost domestic consumption. It was the unnerving prospect of plans for a dissolution of parliament early next year, followed by a general election that precipitated yesterday's stock market plunge. As a result of such deep-seated political uncertainty, many market participants fear that it will be at least three or four months before the planned income tax cut can be implemented.



Tokyo dealers are still waiting for an income tax cut

☐ **NEW YORK:** US blue chips traded slightly higher at midday in a trendless market. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 3.92 points at 3,755.49. Declining shares led advancing issues about ten to nine. The long bond was down ¼ to yield 6.3 per cent.

WALL STREET

	Dec 20 midday	Dec 17 close
AMP Inc	61¼	61¼
AMR Corp	66¾	67¾
Abbott Labs	28¾	28¾
Aetna Life	60¼	59¾
Ahmanson (HF)	19¼	19¾
Air Prod & Chem	45¼	45¼
Albertson's	26¼	26¾
Alcan Aluminum	20¾	20¾
Alco Standard	52¾	53¾
Allied Signal	77¼	77¼
Alum Co of Am	70	69¾
Amax Gold Inc	7	6¾
Amerada Hess	43¼	43¾
Amer Brands	33¼	33¾
Amer Cyanamid	49¼	49¾
Amer El Power	36¾	37
Amer Express	30¾	30¾
Amer Genl Corp	27¼	26¼
Amer Home Pr	62¼	62¾
Amer Intl	89	88¾
Amer Stores	42¼	42
Amer T & T	54¾	54¾
Ameritech	78¾	78¾
Amoco	53	52¾
Anheuser-Busch	49	49
Apple Computer	28¾	29¼
Archer Daniels	23¾	23¾
Arkla	7¾	7¾
Armco	6¼	6¼
Armstrng Wrld	50	49
Asarco	22¼	22¼
Ashland Oil	32¼	32¼
Atl Richfield	103¼	103¼
Auto Data Pro	56	55¾
Avery Dennison	29¼	29¾
Avon Products	48¼	48¼
Baker Hughes	19¼	19¼
Baltim Gas & El	25¼	25¾
Banc One	39¾	39
BankAmerica	47¼	47
Bank of NY	58¼	57¼
Bankers Tr NY	80¼	80
Barnett Banks	41¼	41
Bausch & Lomb	51¼	51¼
Baxter Intl	23	23¾
Bectn Dicknsn	35¼	35¼
Bell Atlantic	61¼	60¾
BellSouth	58¼	57¼
Black & Decker	20¼	20¼
Block (H&R)	40¼	41¼
Boeing	44¼	44¼
Boise Cascade	24¼	24¼
Borden Inc	18¼	18
Bristol Myrs Sq	59	58¾
Browning Ferris	22¼	22
Burlington Nthn	57¾	56¼
CBS	297¼	300
CNA Financial	79¼	79¾
CPC Intl	47¼	46¼
CSX	85¼	85¼
Campbell Soup	42¾	42¼
Can Pacific	16	16¼
Cptl Cities ABC	634¼	642
Cptl Holdings	38	38¾
Carolina Pwr	30	30
Caterpillar	89¼	89¾
Central & SW	31¼	31
Champion Intl	32¼	32¾
Chase Manhat	34¼	34¼
Chemical Bk	40¼	39¾
Chevron Corp	85¼	85
Chrysler	54¼	54¾
Chubb Corp	78¾	79
Cigna Corp	64¼	64
Citicorp	37¼	36¾
Clorox	52¼	52¾
Coastal Corp	27¼	28¼
Coca Cola	42¼	42¼
Colgate-Palmolive	60¼	60¼
Columbia Gas	23¼	23¾
Commonw Ed	28¾	29¼
Compaq Comp	75	74¼
Comp Ass Intl	40¼	40¼
Conagra	25¼	25¼
Cons Edison	32¼	31¼
Cons Nat Gas	43¼	43¼
Cons Rail	64¼	64¼
Cooper Inds	48¼	48¼
Corning Inc	26	26
Crown Cork	40¼	40¼
Dana Corp	55¼	55¼
Dayton Hudson	68¼	69¼
Deere	71¼	71¼
Delta Air Lines	55¼	55¼
Deluxe Corp	35¼	35¼
Detroit Edison	31¼	31¼
Digital Equip	35¼	35¼
Dillard Dept St	37¼	37¼
Disney (Walt)	43¼	43¼
Dominion Res	45¼	46¼
Donnelley (RR)	30	30¼
Dover Corp	60¼	60¼
Dow Chemical	58¼	57¼
Dow Jones	36¼	37
Dresser	20¼	20¼
Duke Power	42¼	42¼
Dun & Brdstreet	62¼	62¼
Du Pont	49¼	49¼
Eastman Kodak	55¼	55¼
Exxon Corp	50¼	50¼

	Dec 20 midday	Dec 17 close
Emerson Elec	60¼	60
Engelhard Corp	22¼	22¼
Enron Corp	28¼	28¼
Entergy Corp	35¼	35¼
Ethyl Corp	17¼	17¼
Exxon	63¼	64
FMC Corp	49¼	46¼
FPL Group	38¼	38¼
Federal Express	70	69¼
Fed Nat Mtge	77¼	77¼
First Chicago	43¼	42¼
First Interstate	64¼	64¼
First Union Rlty	10¼	10¼
Fleet Finl Grp	33¼	32¼
Fluor Corp	41	41
Ford Motor	63	62¼
GTE Corp	35¼	35¼
Gannett	56¼	56¼
Gap Inc Del	39¼	39¼
Gen Dynamics	94	96
Gen Electric	104¼	105¼
Gen Mills	60¼	61¼
Gen Motors	54¼	54¼
Gen Reinsurance	107¼	107¼
Gen Signal	34¼	35¼
Genuine Parts	37¼	36¼
Georgia Pac	71¼	71¼
Gillette	60¼	60¼
Glaxo ADR	20¼	20¼
Goodrich (BF)	41¼	42
Goodyear Tire	44¼	43¼
Grace (W&R)	40¼	40¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29¼	29
Great Wstn Fin	18¼	19¼
Halliburton	30¼	30¼
Harcourt General	32¼	32¼
Heinz (HJ)	35¼	35¼
Hercules	112	111¼
Hershey Foods	49¼	50¼
Hewlett Packard	78¼	77¼
Hilton Hotels	57¼	57¼
Home Depot	40¼	39¼
Homestake Mng	22¼	22¼
Honeywell	34	34¼
Household Intl	32¼	33
Houston Inds	47¼	47¼
Humana	17¼	17¼
ITT Corp	93¼	93¼
Illinois Tool	36¼	36¼
INCO	25¼	25¼
Ingersoll Rand	37¼	37¼
Inland Steel	33¼	33¼
Intel Corp	58¼	58¼
IBM	58¼	59¼
Intl Flav & Fr	113¼	113¼
Intl Paper	68¼	67¼
James River Va	18¼	18¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	42¼	43¼
K Mart	21¼	21¼
Kellogg	59¼	60
Kerr-McGee	44¼	43¼
Kimberly-Clark	50¼	50¼
Knight-Ridder	59¼	59¼
Lilly (Eli)	57¼	57¼
Limited Inc	17¼	17¼
LIN Brdcstng	111	110¼
Lincoln Nat	42¼	43¼
Litton	66	66¼
Liz Claiborne	21¼	21¼
Lockheed Corp	69	68¼
Louisiana Pac	38¼	37¼
MCI Commun	26¼	26¼
Marriott Int	27¼	27¼
Marsh & McLnn	80	80¼
Masco Corp	35¼	36¼
May Dept St	41	42¼
Maytag Corp	17¼	17¼
McCaw Cellular	51	51
McDonalds	57¼	57¼
McDonnell D	110¼	109¼
McGraw Hill	66¼	66¼
Mead Corp	44¼	44¼
Medtronic	80¼	81¼
Mellon Bk	52¼	53
Melville Corp	40	40¼
Merck Inc	34	33¼
Merrill Lynch	46¼	46¼
Minnesota Mine	111¼	112¼
Mobil Corp	75¼	74¼
Monsanto	72¼	72¼
Morgan (JP)	72¼	72¼
Motorola Inc	87	87¼
Natl Medical	14¼	14
Natl Semi	14¼	15
Natl Service Ind	24¼	24¼
Navistar Int	23¼	23
NBD Bancorp	30¼	30¼
NY Times A	25¼	26¼
Newmont Mng	57¼	56¼
Niag Mohawk	20¼	20¼
Nike B	45¼	45
NL Industries	5¼	5¼
Nordstrom	33¼	34¼
Norfolk Sthrn	71	71
Nthn State Pwr	43¼	43¼
Norwest Corp	24¼	24¼
Nynex Corp	41¼	41¼
Occidental Pet	17¼	17¼
Ohio Edison	22¼	22¼
Oracle Systems	35	34¼

	Dec 20 midday	Dec 17 close
Oryx Energy Co	16¼	16¼
Owens Corning	46¼	45¼
PNC Financial	29¼	29¼
PPG Industries	75	74¼
Paccar Inc	65	65¼
Pacificorp	19¼	19¼
Pac Enterprises	25¼	25¼
Pac Gas & Elect	34¼	34¼
Pac Telesis	56¼	56¼
Pall Corp	19¼	19
Panhandle East	22	22¼
Paramnt Comm	82¼	81¼
Parker Hannifin	36¼	36¼
Penney (JC)	53¼	53¼
Pennzoil	52¼	53
Pepsico	41	40¼
Pfizer	65	64¼
Phelps Dodge	50	49¼
Philadel Elec	29¼	29¼
Philip Morris	55	55¼
Phillips Pet	27¼	27¼
Pitney Bowes	41¼	41¼
Polaroid	33¼	34¼
PriceCostco	19¼	20
Primerica	39¼	39¼
Procter & Gmbl	55¼	55¼
Pub Serv E & G	31¼	31¼
Quaker Oats	72¼	72¼
Ralston Purina	37¼	37¼
Raychem Corp	36¼	36¼
Raytheon	66¼	67¼
Reebok Intl	28¼	28¼
Reynolds Metals	46¼	46¼
Roadway Srvcs	62¼	63
Rockwell Intl	37¼	38¼
Rohm & Haas	57	57¼
Royal Dutch	104	104
Rubbermaid	34¼	34¼
Safeco Corp	55¼	55¼
St Paul's Cos	89¼	89¼
Salomon Inc	47¼	47¼
Santa Fe Pac	21¼	21¼
Sara Lee Corp	25¼	25¼
Scecorp	20¼	21¼
Schering Plough	63¼	63¼
Schlumberger	57¼	57¼
Scott Paper	39¼	39¼
Seagram	26¼	26¼
Sears Roebuck	54¼	55¼
Shell Trans	63¼	63¼
Sherwin Wlms	35¼	35¼
Skyline Corp	19¼	19¼
Snap-On-Tools	37¼	38¼
Southern Co	44¼	44¼
Sthwestern Bell	43¼	43¼
Sprint Corp	33	32¼
Stanley Works	42¼	42¼
Sun Company	30¼	31
Suntrust	45¼	45¼
Supervalu	36¼	35
Syntex Corp	15¼	15¼
Sysco Corp	30¼	30¼
TRW Inc	67¼	67¼
Tandem Comp	10¼	10¼
Tandy Corp	47¼	48¼
Telecom Corp	2¼	3
Teledyne	26	26¼
Temple Inland	49¼	50¼
Tenneco	51	50¼
Texaco	63¼	63¼
Texas Inst	59¼	60¼
Texas Utilities	43¼	43¼
Textron	57¼	57¼
Time Warner	44¼	44¼
Times-Mirror	34¼	35
Timken	33¼	33¼
Torchmark	44	44¼
Toys R Us	41	41¼
Transamerica	58¼	57¼
Travelers Corp	31¼	31¼
Tribune	59¼	59¼
Tyco Labs	48¼	48¼
UAL Corp	143¼	143¼
UST Inc	27¼	28¼
USX Marathon	16¼	17
Unilever NV	116¼	115
Union Camp	47¼	48
Union Carbide	22¼	21¼
Union Pacific	60¼	60¼
Unisys Corp	12¼	13
USAIR Group	12¼	13¼
USF&G Corp	12¼	12¼
US Life	37¼	37¼
US West	46¼	46¼
United Tech	61¼	61¼
Unocal Corp	26¼	26¼
Upjohn	29¼	30
VF Corp	44¼	44¼
WMX Tech	26¼	27¼
Wal-Mart Stores	26¼	27¼
Warner-Lambert	64¼	64
Wells Fargo	127¼	125¼
Westinghouse El	13¼	14
Weyerhaeuser	43¼	44
Whirlpool	63¼	62¼
Whitman	16¼	16¼
Winn Dixie	53¼	53¼
Woolworth	24	23¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43¼	43¼
Xerox	88¼	88¼

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust Lloyds Insce (100)	94	...
Azlan (230)	263	-1
Badgerline (115)	110	...
Biotrace Intl (130)	150	...
CLM Insce (100)	105	...
Celltech (250)	225	...
DFS Furniture (260)	313	+5
Fairbairn Euro Smlr (100)	98	...
Fenchurch (180)	173	+1
Finsbury Undrwrtng Inv	108	...
For & Col Smaller (100)	101½	+½
Gartmore (168)	196	+4
Govett High Inc (100)	109	...
Harmony Leisure Wts	4	...
Hozelock (250)	249	...
Inspirations (100)	110	...
Johnson Fry Utils (100)	118	...
Johnson Fry Zero Pf (100)	106	+½
Kleinwort 2nd End Pol (50)	52½	...
Lilliput (135)	119	-1
Litho Supplies (190)	215	...
London Industrial (320)	345	+2
Masthead Insce (100)	108	...
Mercury World Mng (100)	106	+1
Mercury World Mng Wts	46	+1
Morgan Gren Eqty C (100)	106	...
NM Smllr Aust (100)	102	+1½
NM Smllr Wts	45	...
Nelson Hurst (140)	146	+1
New London Capital (100)	97	...
On Demand Info (78)	108	...
Pilot Inv C (100)	100	...
Premium Trust	96	+2
Premium Undrwrtng	121	...
Royal Doulton	226	...
Ruberoid (150)	175	+2
Syndicate Capital (100)	95	...
Syndicate Capital Wts	36	...
Telspec (160)	197	-1
Wigmore Property Inv (100)	99	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Banner Homes n/p (89)	33	+5
Bowthorpe n/p (320)	52	+5
Dwyer A n/p (50)	3	...
Greycoat n/p (12½)	5½	+½
Hilclare n/p (36)	3	-1
NFC n/p (195)	24	+1
Serif n/p (11)	7½	...
Tay Homes n/p (145)	27	+7
West Trust n/p (32)	5½	...
Wyevale Garden n/p (152)	19	...

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	19,000	Cadbury	1,800	MEPC	600	Scot Power	3,100
Abbey Natl	2,400	Caradon	2,000	Marks Spr	3,600	Sears	1,900
Alld-Lyons	1,600	Carlton Cms	816	NFC	2,600	Svrn Trent	733
Anglian W	726	Coats Vly	2,700	NatWst Bk	4,600	Shell Trans	4,800
Argyll Gp	4,300	Cm Union	1,700	Nat Power	1,800	Siebe	1,800
Arjo Wiggn	1,600	Courtaulds	1,400	Nth Wst W	922	SmKl Bch	4,500
AB Foods	377	Enterpr Oil	438	Nthrn Fds	2,400	Smith Nph	1,300
BAA	1,300	Forte	2,800	P & O	1,400	Southern Elec	355
BAT Inds	3,300	GRE	3,200	Pearson	1,100	Std Chard	525
BOC	1,000	GUS	1,000	PowerGen	3,200	Sun Allnce	985
BP	10,000	Gen Acc	1,100	Prudential	5,100	TI Gp	1,500
BT	8,900	Gen Elec	6,900	RMC	396	TSB	3,800
BTR	7,900	Glaxo	5,900	RTZ	1,800	Tesco	11,000
Bk of Scot	2,500	Granada	1,300	Rank Org	1,200	Thames W	1,000
Barclays	2,100	Grand Met	3,900	Reckitt Col	1,000	Thm EMI	916
Bass	1,500	Guinness	1,700	Redland	692	Tomkins	2,600
Blue Circle	1,300	HSBC	1,700	Reed Intl	928	Unilever	1,300
Boots	905	Hanson	5,800	Rentokil	1,000	Utd Bisc	1,800
Bowater	1,600	ICI	3,700	Reuters	717	Vodafone	878
Brit Aero	1,600	Inchcape	1,300	Rolls Royce	3,800	Warburg (SG)	403
Brit Airwys	3,400	Kingfisher	1,000	Ryl Ins	1,300	Wellcome	2,100
Brit Gas	3,900	Ladbroke	4,000	Ryl Bk Scot	1,800	Whitbd 'A'	451
Brit Steel	19,000	Land Secs	903	Sainsbury	3,700	Wlms Hld	1,100
Burmah Cast	363	Legal & Gn	945	Schroders	113	Wolseley	497
Cable Wire	3,600	Lloyds Bk	2,500	Scot & New	1,500	Zeneca	1,400

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3755.49 (+3.92)
S&P Composite .... 466.16 (-0.22)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 17404.24 (-647.67)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 10814.78 (+245.92)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 146.1 (+2.8)

Sydney: AO .... 2076.00 (-4.20)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2178.16 (+27.14)

FT 30 share: .... 2517.1 (+11.8)

Brussels:
General .... 7302.85 (+9.97)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2223.47 (+27.03)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 670.40 (+5.60)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1652.35 (+12.16)
FT 500 .... 1758.04 (+11.78)
FT Gold Mines .... 251.9 (+4.3)
FT Fixed Interest .... 131.15 (+0.19)
FT Govt Secs .... 107.16 (same)
Bargains 37785
SEAQ Volume 748.9m
USM (Datastrm) .... 152.27 (+0.18)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
December 6	December 17	March 10	March 21

Calls on 20/12/93: Baillie Gifford, Br Thornton, Bula, Clyde, Conrad, W Cook, Fisons, Flextech, Govett, Greycoat, Hawtin, Kunick, YJ Lovell, Man Utd, Ricardo, SelecTV, Steel B Jones, Tadpole, TR Tech, Tullow. *Puts:* Br Thornton, Conrad, Lasmo, Ricardo, Shoprite. *Puts & Calls:* APV, Asda, Greycoat, Lonrho, Reckitt, Smith & Nephew.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3367.0	3403.0	3363.0	3396.0	12275
Previous open interest: 62421	Jun 94				3408.0	0
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.81	94.87	94.80	94.81	15333
Previous open interest: 370677	Jun 94	95.01	95.06	95.00	95.01	4361
	Sep 94	95.11	95.12	95.08	95.08	3043
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.51	96.51	96.50	96.50	631
Previous open interest: 8360	Jun 94	96.14	96.15	96.14	96.15	251
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.47	94.50	94.45	94.46	11607
Previous open interest: 704489	Jun 94	94.97	95.00	94.97	94.97	8301
Long Gilt	Dec 93	121-01	121-01	120-13	120-17	88
Previous open interest: 116707	Mar 94	120-01	120-11	119-17	119-24	36681
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	116.90	117.05	116.90	116.97	1304
	Jun 94				116.21	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	100.67	100.82	100.67	100.76	27928
Previous open interest: 145559	Jun 94	100.66	100.66	100.66	100.66	20
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	103.23	103.29	103.23	103.24	153
Previous open interest: 11543	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	94.12	94.14	94.11	94.13	688
Previous open interest: 27986	Jun 94	94.61	94.65	94.61	94.65	219
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	96.17	96.21	96.16	96.17	2790
Previous open interest: 55703	Jun 94	96.47	96.47	96.42	96.44	65
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	117.40	118.35	117.39	118.16	21451
Previous open interest: 74755	Jun 94	117.48	117.53	117.48	118.06	9

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 81.5 (day's range 81.5-81.6).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Dec 20	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8493-2.8547	2.8512-2.8547	par-⅛ds	par-⅛ds
Brussels	52.76-53.08	52.76-52.86	6-10ds	23-31ds
Copenhagen	9.9590-9.9790	9.9600-9.9750	2¼-3¼ds	4¾-6¼ds
Dublin	1.0479-1.0532	1.0480-1.0510	5-9ds	19-26ds
Frankfurt	2.5439-2.5490	2.5457-2.5490	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅝ds
Lisbon	259.41-260.61	259.80-260.43	110-186ds	337-415ds
Madrid	208.34-209.13	208.61-208.91	63-73ds	171-191ds
Milan	2491.90-2508.60	2491.90-2495.90	5-7ds	16-18ds
Montreal	1.9883-1.9955	1.9925-1.9955	0.36-0.29pr	0.58-0.47pr
New York	1.4848-1.4866	1.4850-1.4860	0.36-0.34pr	0.83-0.80pr
Oslo	11.0250-11.0470	11.0260-11.0420	½-1½ds	¼-2½ds
Paris	8.6690-8.6890	8.6750-8.6890	¾-1ds	2¼-2¾ds
Stockholm	12.4770-12.5080	12.4780-12.5030	1¾-3¼ds	4¾-5¾ds
Tokyo	164.05-164.54	164.16-164.43	⅝-½pr	1½-1⅜pr
Vienna	17.88-17.93	17.89-17.93	¼-¾ds	½-1¼ds
Zurich	2.1686-2.1758	2.1725-2.1756	¼-⅛pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel — *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4818-1.4844
Australia dollar	2.1856-2.1880
Bahrain dinar	0.5545-0.5665
Brazil cruzeiro*	418.11-419.59
Cyprus pound	0.7585-0.7685
Finland marka	8.5645-8.6805
Greece drachma	361.75-368.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.4716-11.4785
India rupee	46.21-47.17
Kuwait dinar KD	0.439-0.449
Malaysia ringgit	3.7882-3.7903
Mexico peso	4.56-4.66
New Zealand dollar	2.6423-2.6465
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5105-5.6455
Singapore dollar	2.3655-2.3670
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5947-6.6735
S Africa rand (com)	5.0307-5.0364
U A E dirham	5.4005-5.5245

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4718-1.4729
Austria	12.055-12.060
Belgium (Com)	35.55-35.59
Canada	1.3390-1.3400
Denmark	6.7175-6.7200
France	5.8402-5.8432
Germany	1.7145-1.7150
Hong Kong	7.7250-7.7260
Ireland	1.4135-1.4155
Italy	1682.7-1684.2
Japan	110.75-110.80
Malaysia	2.5510-2.5515
Netherlands	1.9194-1.9199
Norway	7.4300-7.4330
Portugal	175.10-175.40
Singapore	1.5929-1.5934
Spain	140.30-140.40
Sweden	8.4128-8.4228
Switzerland	1.4630-1.4640

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5. Sell: 2 mth 5; 3 mth: 4⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅝-5⅛	5⅝-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	
Interbank:	5⅝-5⅛	5⅝-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

Overnight: open 6, close 5½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5
Dollar CDs:	3.13-3.10	n/a	3.18-3.15	3.20-3.17	3.31-3.28
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Nov 30, 1993 Agreed rates Dec 26, 1993 to Jan 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.90 %. Reference rate Oct 30, 1993 to Nov 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.618 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	2⅞-2¾	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	5⅞-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞
French Franc:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	7⅛-6⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2	1⅞-1⅞	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $389.30-389.70 Close: $389.50-390.00 High: $390.00-390.50 Low: $387.40-387.90 Krugerrand: $389.00-391.00 (£261.00-263.00)
Sovereigns: Old $90.00-93.00 (£60.00-62.00) New $90.00-93.00 (£60.00-62.00)
Platinum: $389.50 (£262.20) Silver: $5.11 (£3.435) Palladium: $125.50 (£84.50)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon	600	63	76	82	3	9	10½
(*655)	650	23½	41	50	14	25½	40
Argyll	280	17	27	32	5½	14	22
(*257½)	300	7½	17	23	19	25	33
ASDA	50	7½	9	12	...	3½	5
(*55)	60	1½	5	7	6½	9	11
Boots	550	22	37	47	11	22	32
(*557)	600	4	15	24	46	52	61
Br Airways	420	36	49	57	6	15	21
(*449)	460	13½	26	38	23	31	41½
BP	330	32½	39	45½	3	7	13
(*357)	360	12½	22	25½	13	20	26
Br Steel	120	9	14	19	3	9	11
(*125½)	130	4½	9	12	8	13	15
C & W	500	22	37	50	14½	24	32
(*508)	525	12	25	36½	29	37	40½
CU	600	52	60	71½	3	13	19½
(*645)	650	16	27	42	18	34	41
ICI	750	26	41	55	16½	44	55
(*752½)	800	7½	21	34½	54	77	86
Kingfshr	700	33	51	62	12½	24	37
(*718½)	750	9½	27	37	40	51	64
Land Sec	750	57	77	81	3	[illegible]	[illegible]
(*799½)	800	25	39	49½	17	27	40
M & S	420	19	30	36	7	15	21
(*430)	460	3½	12	18	32	36	43
Nat West	550	51	59	66	3	15	22
(*593½)	600	16	29	39	29	36	45
Sainsbury	420	23	45	54	6	13	20
(*446½)	460	7	25	32	22	30	40
Shell	700	21	40	51	8	24	31
(*717½)	750	[illegible]	16	29	37	55	59
SmKl Bch	390	22	35	45	11	23	30
(*397½)	420	9	22	33	29	40	47
Storehse	220	13	21	26	5	11	14
(*230½)	240	3	11	16	17	22	25
Trafalgar	80	7	11	16	5	8	9
(*83½)	90	3	7	12	12	14	16
Unilever	1150	54	76	93	11	32	46
(*1196½)	1200	24	49	69	32	59	67
Zeneca	500	26	42	55	23	46	59
(*801)	550	9	22	37	56	79	90

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	420	44	49	57	7	14	17
(*455)	460	16	25	34	24	30	35
Ladbroke	140	23	27	30	5	12	17
(*155½)	160	12	16	21	14	24	28
Utd Bisc	330	35	39	44	6	12	16
(*355½)	360	16	21	27	17	26	32

December 20, 1993 Tot: 33511 Call: 19320 Put: 14191 FT-SE Call: 7456 Put: 6956
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	1000	38	66	83	16	33	44
(*1016)	1050	15	42	57	44	59	69
Thames W	550	53	64	77	3	9	20
(*597)	600	20	32	45	16	25	43

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	500	48	54	59	7	18	25
(*535)	550	17	26	32	29	45	52
BTR	360	18	22	31	11	21	24
(*364)	390	7	12	19	30	39	42
Br Aero	390	32	44	57	21	32	40
(*400½)	420	18	32	42	37	40	56
Br Telcm	460	33	42	47	5	9	17
(*481½)	500	9	17	28	25	29	38
Cadbury	493	29	34	—	11	27	—
(*506)	542	7	13	—	41	54	—
Guinness	460	35	43	52	9	18	25
(*492)	500	14	24	31	27	39	47
GEC	300	31	37	41	3	6	11
(*326)	330	11	19	25	14	18	25
Hanson	260	22	25	28	3	7	11
(*276½)	280	9	13	17	11	16	20
LASMO	110	12	22	26	8	13	16
(*116)	120	11	17	21	14	18	22
Lucas	180	18	23	27	6	10	17
(*189)	200	6	13	17	16	20	24
Pilkingtn	160	17	22	27	4	9	11
(*171½)	180	6	13	17	15	18	22
Prudential	330	36	40	44	7	8	13
(*359)	360	15	21	26	17	23	26
Redland	550	55	62	69	9	22	28
(*591)	600	24	32	42	28	45	57
Royal Ins	317	18	—	—	17	—	—
(*320)	346	7	—	—	31	—	—
Tesco	200	25	30	33	4	9	11
(*219)	220	12	18	22	12	19	21
Vodafone	550	46	64	79	27	32	44
(*572½)	600	24	41	54	45	59	63
Williams	330	34	39	43	4	11	14
(*355)	360	14	22	26	15	25	30

FT-SE INDEX (*3366)

	3250	3300	3350	3400	3450	3500
Calls						
Jan	146	105	69	42	23	11
Feb	168	131	97	66	47	30
Mar	185	147	116	87	65	46
Apr	213	175	143	113	99	66
Jun	—	193	—	158	—	88
Puts						
Jan	14	22	40	67	101	141
Feb	28	40	57	82	112	147
Mar	43	55	74	96	125	160
Apr	48	60	78	101	129	161
Jun	—	91	—	133	—	190

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	460	25	38	42	1	12	18
(*483)	500	1	15	22	18	34	39
Amstrad	40	1	5	7	1	4	6
(*40)	45	1	3	5	6	7	8
Barclays	600	19	43	52	1	25	31
(*616½)	650	1	19	29	36	52	57
Blue Circ	330	14	28	35	1	15	23
(*341)	360	1	14	22	21	32	40
Br Gas	330	30	37	42	1	5	10
(*357½)	360	1	19	23	6	16	24
Dixons	260	12	24	32	2	13	19
(*271)	280	1	15	22	11	23	29
Forte	240	17	29	29	1	8	14
(*255)	260	2	14	17	1	15	25
Hillsdwn	140	19	24	26	1	4	8
(*157)	160	2	11	12	5	12	16
Lonrho	130	2	12	16	2	11	15
(*130)	140	1	9	12	11	19	21
Sears	120	10	15	17	1	3	6
(*129)	130	1	9	11	2	7	11
Thrn EMI	1000	11	47	69	10	41	51
(*1004)	1050	1	25	46	49	71	82
Tomkins	240	5	15	21	2	12	16
(*243)	260	1	7	13	19	25	28
TSB	240	20	27	32	1	7	11
(*258)	260	3	15	21	4	16	19
Wellcome	650	8	57	65	6	26	51
(*655)	700	1	29	46	50	62	91

Series		Calls Dec	Apr	Jul	Puts Dec	Apr	Jul
Glaxo	700	13	56	77	5	47	61
(*702)	750	1	34	59	48	77	92
HSBC	850	32	77	87	2	42	56
(*880)	900	4	46	62	24	69	91
Reuter	1750	26	102	143	8	89	108
(*1769)	1800	3	75	116	41	111	130

Series		Calls Dec	Feb	May	Puts Dec	Feb	May
R-Royce	155	12	18	—	1	6	—
(*166½)	176	1	5	—	11	16	—

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	110	8	18	26	1	12	18
(*115½)	120	2	14	21	5	18	24

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Eastn Elc	650	50	63	73	10	17	25
(*691)	700	20	35	45	33	37	52

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	16	34	44	2	14	23
(*474½)	500	1	16	25	27	35	45
Scot Pwr	460	4	23	35	2	18	24
(*465½)	500	1	9	17	9	44	42

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Cocoa extended it's losses with a mass bail out of speculative longs causing an unprecedented rout. More than £120 has been wiped from the front March contract as traders have become convinced that the transition of power in the Ivory Coast has been expedited with the minimum of fuss and that there is no threat that a civil disruption will result in a cessation of cocoa exports.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	900-800	Mar	957-956
Mar	904-903	May	970-967
May	917-916	Jul	977-972
Jul	928-927	Sep	990-985
Sep	939-938		
Dec	955-954		Volume: 20485

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	1231-1230	Sep	1218-1216
Mar	1241-1240	Nov	1213-1208
May	1227-1226	Jan	1213-1205
Jul	1220-1217		Volume: 2975

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	10.94-11.12
Spot 273.50		Jan	unq
Mar	10.75-10.83	Mar	unq
May	11.00-11.06	May	unq
Jul	11.16-11.20		Volume: 26

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	279.5-77.0
Spot: 284.0		Dec	277.5-76.0
Mar	282.0-81.7	Mar	278.5-77.0
May	285.0-84.2	May	281.5-78.0
Aug	289.5-87.7		Volume: 321

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 20

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	74.29	94.31	120.77
(+/-)	+0.40	+1.33	-3.17
Eng/Wales	74.45	94.62	120.61
(+/-)	+0.58	+1.73	-2.76
(%)	-45.3	-38.2	-56.1
Scotland	61.91	90.91	122.92
(+/-)	-12.84	-2.49	-5.52
(%)	-73.0	-74.2	-75.2

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (p/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jan	96.90
Mar	99.20
May	100.45
Jun	101.10
Sep	89.20
	Volume: 318

BARLEY (close £/t)

Jan	100.50
Mar	104.75
May	106.75
Sep	92.65
Nov	94.90
	Volume: 0

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	
Dec	
Feb	
Apr	
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	131.5
Apr	101.0	102.3
May	120.0	118.4
		Volume: 208

RUBBER
No 1 RSS CIF (p/kl)
Jan 61.50-62.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): It was a quiet start to the last full week before the New Year. The outlook remained bearish.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.50	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Jan)	13.45	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Feb)	13.55	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	13.95	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	14.45	-0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	144 (n/c)	146 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	143 (n/c)	144 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jan	148 (n/c)	150 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Feb	149 (n/c)	151 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	54 (n/c)	56 (+1)
Naphtha	128 (n/c)	130 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Jan	142.50-42.75	Apr	144.00-44.25
Feb	143.50 SLR	May	144.75 BID
Mar	144.00-44.25	Jun	145.50-45.75
			Vol: 13780

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	13.55-13.56	Apr	14.24-14.30
Feb	13.75-13.76	May	14.50 SLR
Mar	13.98-14.01		Vol: 19990

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jan	139.00-40.50	Apr	158.50 SLR
Feb	unq	May	160.50 SLR
Mar	unq		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High: 1250	Low: 1250	Close: 1252
Jan 94			1252
Feb 94	—	—	1208
Apr 94	—	—	1294
Jul 94	1160	1160	1160

Vol: 14 lots. Open Interst: 2459 Index 1226 -2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1735.0-1735.5	1758.5-1759.0	160109
Lead ($/tonne)	468.00-469.00	482.50-483.00	114925
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	948.00-949.00	967.00-968.00	373625
Tin ($/tonne)	4775.0-4780.0	4830.0-4832.0	30565
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1098.5-1099.0	1118.5-1119.0	809525
Nickel ($/tonne)	5250.0-5252.0	5310.0-5315.0	62910

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Talk of the US overheating appears to be mere hot air

Wolfgang Münchau finds no evidence to support the emerging view that America is in danger of rushing into inflationary expansion



Laura Tyson, chief economic adviser in the Clinton administration

Judging from some of their recent comments, one might be forgiven for thinking that American economists are angst-ridden party poopers. Three years ago they was complaining about the recession, and this gave way to worries about the "jobless recovery". Now, all of a sudden, without a minute of fun and prosperity in between, there is talk of the US economy overheating.

Recent economic data and reports have fuelled this hype. In its latest beige book on regional economic activity, the Federal Reserve spoke of a pick-up in economic activity. In November, the rate of unemployment dropped from 6.8 per cent to 6.4 per cent, an unusually large and unexpected fall. Last week, a poll by *The Wall Street Journal* and NBC found that 43 per cent of Americans now expect the economy to improve over the next year.

We should hardly be surprised, therefore, that panic-prone economists, never tired of digging out old-clichés, would interpret the first faint signs of an economic revival as a sign of "overheating". More astonishing is that the fears of overheating are fuelled from inside the Clinton administration, rather than from the Federal Reserve, as one might have expected.

A "senior administration official", quoted at length in the *Washington Post*, gave an off-the-record prediction that unemployment would soon continue its fall to below 6 per cent, and that inflationary pressures would re-emerge; he also said that the Federal Reserve had better put up interest rates in order to keep the lid on the booming US economy.

One can already see the sweat forming on the man's face. He must have been thinking about a return to the 1980s' economic rollercoaster. About boom and bust. And about the one-term presidency, or rather about his own one-term officialdom. The Federal Reserve's open market committee, meeting tonight, is not expected to sanction a rise in short-term interest rates.

The good man's comments were subsequently refuted by Robert Rubin, the head of the president's National Economic Council, the department in the White House in charge of co-ordinating the administration's macro-economic and microeconomic policies. Mr Rubin said, somewhat unconvincingly, that he had no idea who that man may be. Laura Tyson, President Clinton's chief economic adviser, was also dismayed at this official's comments which contradict everything she has been saying for a year.

While apparently getting somewhat over-excited about the American economy, the unnamed official is not alone in his judgment. Rightly or wrongly, it is shared by a number of private sector analysts on Wall Street, and is probably also the mainstream opinion inside the Federal Reserve itself.

One might recall the occasion when, earlier this year, Alan Greenspan, the Fed's chairman, predicted during a Congressional hearing that the economy would grow by 3 per cent this year. The fourth-quarter data are not in yet, but barring a manic Christmas shopping season, his prediction will prove to be way out.

Yet, for someone high up in the administration to worry about inflation is far more unusual and is perhaps a ploy to give the Federal Reserve the political backing for a rise in short-term interest rates, which most economists here think will eventually become inevitable. Nominal interest rates are about 3 per cent, which translates into real short-term rates of about zero; this is a situation which the Fed thinks cannot last indefinitely.

It is worth remembering that there have been several false economic growth-cum-overheating dawns in the past, such as during the fourth quarter of last year, when output in the US economy expanded by about 5 per cent. But even if the recovery is for real this time, it does not follow logically that the economy is showing signs of inflationary expansion — ie expanding at non-sustainable rate. The US corporate sector continues to shed jobs and increase productivity at an unusually robust rate for this stage of the economic cycle. This suggests that the US labour market is undergoing a structural change, whose economic effect would be deflationary in the short term.

In the US, the annual growth rate was a revised 2.7 per cent in the third quarter of this year, roughly in line with the country's sustainable, or non-inflationary, rate of growth, which David Mullins, the Fed's deputy chief, puts at between 2.5 per cent and 3.5 per cent. An annual real growth rate of 5 per cent with near-perfect capacity utilisation might be considered to be overheating, but we are not in danger of that yet, or even in 1994, not even in the most wayward optimistic forecasts.

This all brings back memories of William McChesney Martin, the Fed's chairman from 1951 to 1970, who once said a central banker's job was to "take away the punch bowl just when the party gets going", which brings us back to the party poopers.

The Federal Reserve is technically independent from the administration, and does not need its backing, in theory at least. But Americans, unlike Europeans, rightly favour the notion of political consensus on monetary policy. The truth is that the immediate future of the American economy is so difficult to forecast at this moment that neither the Fed nor the administration are prepared to go out on a limb.

There is now a perception that interest rates will rise, perhaps quite soon, though perhaps not by much, and there is certainly no suggestion of a return of interest rates such as those prevailing in the 1980s, or even a return to the 1980s' absurdity of relying on the money supply as the sole guide for policy. It would be amazing if US short-term interest rates were to climb above 5 per cent in the next year or two. The recent modest rise in long-term rates from under 6 per cent to over 6 per cent is a reflection of an underlying economic expansion, a phenomenon which always worries the bond markets, with good historical reason. In the US, the long-term rates have the greatest economic impact because they determine the rate on most mortgages. Good economic data on housing, construction and consumer confidence also add to this picture. But overall the markets have avoided signs of panic.

In fairness to the Federal Reserve, it has conducted a more appropriate, responsive and responsible monetary policy than most European central banks. The Fed did cut interest rates, when the economy turned down — perhaps too slowly — and then acted to keep interest rates low for a long period. Furthermore, the Fed did not pursue a strong-dollar policy, the kind of policy discredited in Britain, France and even Germany. The Fed was also right to abandon M2 as its monetary voodoo post and instead to look at the real economy, at factors such as capacity, producer prices and the like.

But those who openly or surreptitiously warn about taking the punch bowl away, should recognise first, that the party has not started, and second, that once it does, it may turn out to be a boring and dry party, with no punch bowl in sight.

Unsustainable expansions are often the result of an economic windfall for the middle classes, and bursts of inflation are frequently the consequence of external price shocks, such as the oil price increases in the 1970s. It is difficult to conceive where a windfall would be coming from now. There is little more to deregulate in the US economy. There are few more taxes to be cut, and with continued "downsizing" in the manufacturing sector, there is little chance of significant job growth overall, except perhaps in the job market segment of the part-time hot-dog salesmen and shoe-shine boys. A restrictive policy is definitely not in order at this stage, even considering the normal time lag between monetary policy decisions and their effect on the economy.

All this talk about sudden bursts of overheating and cooling down remains far more appropriate for the Washington weather than for the US economy, which is merely recovering, with some difficulty, from a tough recession.

TEMPUS

Television documentary

AS things stand today, LWT will some time in the new year become part of Granada, and there is precious little the former's well-argued defence document can do to alter that. The paper offer, worth 626p or 28 times' expected earnings this year, is way ahead of the price, up 6p at 605p last night.

Things have a habit of changing during any bid, however, and the changes can only be to LWT shareholders' advantage. Granada's choice is whether to tough it out through to the new year or, more likely, to increase the 528p cash alternative closer to £6 and sweeten the share element, perhaps by throwing in the so-far withheld final dividend.

LWT faces a harder task. The mooted East Coast alliance, a merger with Yorkshire after the Tyne Tees franchise is offloaded to Anglia, is hard to square with the London station's refusal to allow earnings dilution. LWT, saving the unlikely intervention of the Takeover Panel, must pay £2 a share for Yorkshire. It will then be transformed from a company required to pay only 16 per cent of its advertising revenue to the government into one tied to payments of more than a quarter of that total, a decrease in profitability that apparently dwarfs any potential cost savings.

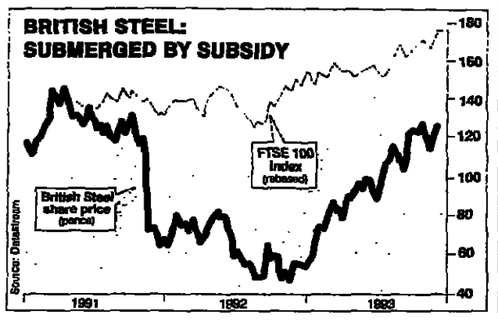
LWT shareholders can afford to let the situation play itself out and at least await any higher offer and any profit forecast that could raise the temperature further. A Yorkshire deal can be considered, and if necessary rejected, well within the timescale of the bid. LWT's only other clear strategy at this stage, an overseas "white knight," could be a while arriving and should not alter calculations for now.

British Steel

BRITISH Steel must be becoming weary at trumpeting its virtues as a profitable private sector steel producer, afloat in a sea of loss-making and subsidised European mills. The moral high ground has not yielded BS much advantage, if Friday's agreement by EC ministers is any guide. State-aided mills will see their production cut by 5 million tonnes, but Ekostahl, the crumbling east German plant, is to receive a DM1 billion modernisation programme, in exchange for a reduction in capacity to 900,000 tonnes until 1999, but rising to 1.65 million tonnes thereafter.

Ekostahl's rebuilding may strike a chord with independent European steel producers who watched BS being streamlined for privatisation. The non-aided sector is now faced with the task of coming up with capacity cuts through self-help, and fingers are being pointed at the Klöckner mill in Bremen, Germany, rescued with the help of that city's authorities.

BS is not ruling out further cuts in capacity, and the possibility of closures might be a useful threat to hang over ministers. However, having cut 3 million tonnes of capacity with the closure of Ravenscraig in 1992, the company should be in a strong position to oppose further output cuts. The market is expecting a good recovery from BS next year, but profits of £250 million-plus by March 1995 anticipate successful price rises in January, and effective self-help in Europe.



Unilever

NOT content with being the world's largest ice cream manufacturer, Unilever wants to be even bigger, gobbling up a majority share of Ortiz-Miko, the biggest French producer that also has a slice of the German and Belgian markets. Unilever now has worldwide ice cream sales totalling some $3 billion; these include the £500 million chunk from Ortiz and the recent acquisition of the Kraft ice cream business in the US, which brought in sales totalling $500 million, principally volume ice cream sold through supermarkets. Unilever is also picking up brands in the Third World, while a plant in Beijing is soon to supply Wall's to the Chinese.

The rationale for a big push into ice cream is margin. The operating return on sales for the group is under 9 per cent, but Unilever is reckoned to be getting margins in the mid-teens from ice lollies, bars and tubs. Exploiting brands is also part of the picture; the company introduced its Magnum bar in 1987 and is now selling 650 million units per annum.

Unilever's shares have recovered from a dip in November caused in part by the poor summer, which depressed ice cream sales in the Mediterranean. The company is still suffering from a battle with Procter & Gamble over detergents in the US but at 1,187p, the shares are trading at less than 15 times 1993 earnings, an unjustified discount to the market.

Ivory & Sime

FUND managers are so closely tied to market cycles that investors might as well buy a FTSE tracker fund as invest in the managers themselves. The only justification in buying the stock is if the company is increasing market share by gaining new pension fund clients. For Ivory & Sime the going has been rough: the company lost a £750,000 management contract for New Frontiers Development Trust, as well as a £35 million fund for the Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund. At the same time Ivory has been increasing its costs, with £600,000 added to overheads in the recent half year, amounting to almost half the interim revenue increase. The extra expenditure is intended to provide better cover in Asia and North America, but City salaries are rising and there is evidence that fund managers are demanding their share of the cake.

GGT

WHILE WPP and Saatchi now seem on a even recovery path, times for the smaller advertising firms who do not rely on the multinationals for their bread and butter are still hard. Gold Greenlees Trott, despite a large and still improving network in the US, saw revenues shrink by £1 million in Britain in the first half as its clients scented a buyers' market and so bought later. Given the agency's fixed cost base, almost all of this came off the bottom line. With the market already primed not to expect much profits improvement, the shares now sell on a very reasonable 16 times' this year's earnings, while GGT has the added attraction of being one of the few remaining independent with no large overseas stakeholder.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Honesty that costs clients nothing

From Mr T. Y. Darling

Sir, I am one of those "so-called (sic) independent financial advisers" whom you obviously despise.

Except in special circumstances I have never advised anyone to transfer out of an occupational pension scheme even though, for this sound advice, I "earn nothing at all" as you rightly point out. Thousands of IFAs would say the same thing.

One of the chief failures of our new "regulators" is their reluctance to help the public to distinguish between people who are paid specifically to sell "products" and those who are qualified to give sound financial advice.

The payment of commission is really a red herring particularly since, where any transaction involves commission, we are obliged to reveal full details to our clients. Most of us would like to see the commission system replaced; the trouble is that the vast majority of clients are quite happy with it as it is. Most of them do not like paying directly for sound advice, no doubt because salesmen are allowed to give the impression that they purvey this already — free of charge!

Independent Financial Advisers are obliged to give only best advice (and they are required to be able to show that they have done so), without regard to their remuneration. Most of us have sufficient professional pride to have been doing this for years, without any regulation.

Yours faithfully,
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No tears shed for monopolies' lost bonanza

From Dr H. M. Cline

Sir, My heart bleeds for Graham Searjeant and other British Gas shareholders who may lose their share of monopoly profits if there is increased competition in the gas market ("Turn down the Gas Pressure", December 13). However, the lack of competition in the markets for gas and other utilities has cost the British consumer dearly for a long time. The outrageous prices that consumers have paid are a far more insidious and disguised tax than VAT. Public monopolies remain private monopolies when privatised, unless the industry is restructured or strongly regulated. One can see the refreshing impact of competition in industries as diverse as telephone services and retail food. Shareholders in the newly privatised industries receive a sure profit in a majority of cases — a dubious form of redistribution towards middle and upper income individuals, justified only when privatisation brings greater efficiency through competition. Sympathy for shareholders seems misplaced. Buying shares has been about the most rewarding and least risky activity in Britain over the last few decades. Compare it to buying a house, taking a job, buying goods or services, or walking down the street before shedding any tears.

Yours faithfully,
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Topping up fool's gold

From Mr Derrick A. Hall

Sir, I applaud the decision of the Securities and Investments Board to compel insurance companies to compensate those people who were persuaded to abandon company pension schemes in favour of personal schemes which, in the event, have turned out to be fool's gold — perhaps an apt expression in the circumstances.

However, I do wonder how the compensation will be funded. Will it, perhaps, come from the pockets of the unscrupulous salesmen, who doubtless collected large commissions as the reward for their "success"? Or would it be cynical to suggest that it will have to be funded from the pockets of the clients of those companies — their policyholders — either through reduced bonuses or increased premiums?

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Attali happy new year

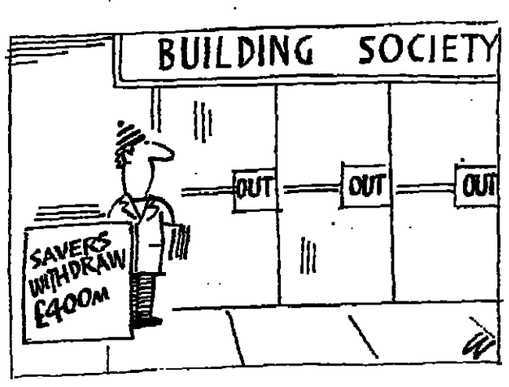
CHEERING news reaches me from France, where those irrepressible twins, Jacques and Bernard Attali, are looking forward to a prosperous new year. Jacques, who resigned from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in the wake of the row over excessive spending at its London headquarters, has churned out a 400-page account of the work done by the EBRD during his reign there. The tome is due out in mid-January. Meantime, he has set up a consultancy in Paris to provide tips on international trading and how to finance it. His brother Bernard, who stepped down from the helm of Air France after resistance to his cost-cutting plans, has walked into a senior post at Lagardère, a private French group that makes Matra aircraft engines and has a strong media presence through a controlling stake in Europe No 1, a commercial radio station, and Hachette, a books-based conglomerate. He has been made chairman of the supervisory board of Banque Arjil, the group's financing arm.

Pastures new

MORGAN Stanley's economics team receives a boost, with the news that Kevin Gardiner has been poached from SG Warburg as a vice-president and senior economist. Gardiner was an economics analyst at the Bank of England before moving on to Warburg, where he was senior UK economist advising its equity division. He is a graduate of Cambridge and the London School of Economics.

Beating the rush

BROKERS in India have found a novel way of beating the Christmas rush — they have all gone on strike. Trading rings in Ahmedabad, Bombay, Calcutta and New Delhi were empty for a fifth day yesterday, as brokers refused to call off the industrial dispute launched in protest at a ban on forward trading. The Securities and Exchange Board of India banned trading on credit last week, in a bid to cool an overheated market, and gave dealers until mid-January to square their positions. They accused the watchdog body of myopia and walked out, leaving little hope of an early compromise. The 30-share BSE sensitive index, the barometer of the Bombay Stock Exchange, hit a high for the year of 3,454.81 points on December 13, up 833 points from November 1.



Tickets please

DEALERS at James Capel will rest easier after the departure of Charles Smedley, former head of Continental European activities. Smedley, who left on Friday, after 14 years, to pursue new opportunities, made a habit of stalking up behind dealers and brokers and demanding their dealing tickets. In revenge, the assembled ranks sent him on his way with an old London Transport bus conductor's ticket machine, allowing him to issue tickets to his heart's content.

Cromwell's role

THE Scottish financial establishment is being courted by a film company trying to raise finance for a home-grown movie entitled *Chasing the Deer* about Charles Edward Stuart's unsuccessful 1745 campaign. The company which is putting the package together, Cromwell Productions — not perhaps the most suitable title considering what Oliver Cromwell did to the Stuarts — has already cast Brian Blessed, Billy Connolly and Iain Cuthbertson. Investors have until the end of the month to stake one of the 450 tranches of £1,000 up for grabs. Bob Carruthers, the film's producer has been encouraged by the response.

Crossed lines

WAS there a breakdown in communications at the Bristol & West Building Society last week? The tenth-largest society assured the personal finance section of a national newspaper that it had "no immediate plans" to change its mortgage rate, a rather expensive looking 8.25 per cent. As a result, it was one of several societies castigated by the newspaper on Saturday, for its Scrooge-like refusal to give borrowers a Christmas present of a lower mortgage rate. This may not have gone down terribly well at B&W. On the same day, the newspaper announced that the society's rate had fallen to 7.89 per cent.

TODAY'S award for creativity in Christmas cards goes to Mathieu Thomas, a dynamic PR company, which wishes its contacts "strong growth" in 1994. The card includes a batch of Christmas tree seeds, complete with instructions for planting.

Gone to Christie's

TRADING places in the world of fine art auctioneers, where John Stancliffe, a senior director of Sotheby's until August, is to join its arch-competitor, Christie's, from January 4. As a director, Stancliffe will co-ordinate services to professional advisers and their clients and help manage Christie's 23 regional offices. He brings with him 18 years' knowledge of the international art market. He headed Sotheby's valuation and probate department between 1985 and 1989 and undertook the re-organisation of the firm's Italian operation.

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Widespread gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began December 13. Dealings end December 31. §Contango day January 4. Settlement day January 10. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	345	Abbey Nt	482	+3	11.8	3.1	18.6
290	179	Allied Irish	286	...	...	3.6	14.6
226½	130	Aus New Z	222	+4	...	3.9	∞
3806¼	2712½	Bankamerica	3162½	+37½	...	...	...
295	177	Bk of Ireland	282	+2	...	4.4	20.8
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
240½	116½	Bank Scotland	231	-4	4.6	2.5	31.4
646	362	Barclays	615	...	...	2.5	...
4½	2	Benchmark	4½	...	...	...	5.9
28	15½	Carlisle	24½	-1½	...	...	...
598	395	Cater Allen	594 †	...	28.0	5.9	...
167	85	Cattles	165	...	...	3.4	22.0
2487½	1787½	Chase Manh	2306½	+43½	...	...	...
3600	1343½	Citicorp	3456½	+62½	...	...	...
490	250	Close Bros	490	...	...	2.8	17.8
£155	9275	Commerzbk	£150½	+12½	...	2.7	...
£346	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£341½	+396½	...	1.8	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	60	...	...	1.0	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	453	...	21.5	5.9	12.0
882	490	HSBC	879	+14	20.0	2.8	21.0
893	474	HSBC HK	892	+19	20.0	2.8	21.3
403	243	Hambros	387	+6	14.3	4.6	17.9
428	313	Joseph (L)	418 †	...	16.7	5.0	...
155	96	King Shaxson	131 †	+1	9.0	8.6	...
561	312	Kleinwort Ben	561	+8	16.7	3.7	19.5
655	492	Lloyds	644	-1	19.1	3.7	18.4
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	95	...	2.0	3.8	18.0
575	322	Nat Aust Bk	530 †	-1	...	4.0	∞
620	398	Nat West	592	+2	17.8	3.8	36.0
480	270	Provident	453	+1	12.4	3.4	19.6
60	39	Rea Bros	60	...	0.5	1.1	63.8
462	207	Ryl Bk Scot	460 †	+11	...	3.0	24.6
1360	467½	Schroders	1360	+22	...	1.1	27.1
1259	576	Stand Chart	1194	+4	20.5	2.1	...
259	145½	TSB	257	+7	6.4	3.1	...
190	78	Union Disc	165	...	...	...	...
940	529	Warburg SG	914	+16	...	2.7	13.4
8600	4843½	Wells Fargo	8425	+62½	...	2.4	...
211	121	Westpac	210	...	...	2.4	∞
325	168	Wintrust	315	...	9.3	3.7	28.2

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
657	517	Allied-Lyons	657 †	+14	...	4.1	18.2
647	441	Bass	570 †	+4	...	4.3	15.5
299	189	Boddington	289	+4	7.5	3.3	16.8
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	413	...	...	3.2	16.4
184	129	Burtonwd Brw	179	...	4.7	3.3	15.0
145	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	143	-1	...	3.2	∞
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	62½	+1	...	4.2	∞
435	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	420	...	7.5	2.3	17.9
480	373	Grand Met	459½	+8½	...	3.6	17.6
450	347	Greenalls Grp	450	+5	...	3.5	15.2
575	505	Greene King	554	...	...	2.8	15.4
521	388	Guinness	484	+3	...	3.1	18.1
281	230	Hardy Hansn	239	...	8.5	4.6	∞
138	105	Heavitree▲	135	...	3.0	2.8	32.2
364	255	Highland Dist	364	+10	...	2.3	18.1
3138	2538	Holt J	3125	...	42.0	1.7	20.4
80	33	Hoskins Brew	76	...	...	...	54.7
323	250	Invergordn Dist	301	...	...	2.9	17.2
186	118	Macallan-Glen	134	...	4.3	4.1	30.1
465	375	Marstn Marstn 'A'	395	...	...	2.8	18.8
225	164	Mansfield	219 †	...	...	2.3	15.7
299	231	Mrston Thmp	277	-4	...	2.5	15.4
564	288½	Mathew Clark	563	...	...	4.0	18.8
300	210	Mrrydwn W	230 †	...	7.0	3.8	20.6
580	455	Morland	513	...	...	2.4	17.6
12	6½	Paramount▲	8½	+½	...	2.1	∞
207	145	Regent Inns	207	...	...	2.7	21.0
1253	753	SA Breweries	1229 †	-23	...	2.2	20.8
554	393	Scot & New	547	+6	...	3.9	16.6
225	159½	Taunton Cider	170 †	...	6.2	4.6	13.3
283	213	Vaux Group	282	+1	9.5	4.3	∞
357	225	Wetherspoon JD	331	+6	...	2.0	25.7
580	435	Whitbread 'A'	589	+8	...	3.8	14.1
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	529 †	...	12.6	3.0	∞
515	475	Young 'A'	485	...	14.7	3.8	20.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
155	73	Abbey	155	...	...	1.6	25.5
25½	12	Albrighton▲	19	...	...	0.7	...
149	87	Allen▲	146 †	...	...	4.3	33.1
123	65	Amec	121	...	3.0	3.1	22.4
12	4	Anglia Sec	7½	...	...	...	...
329	150	Ashtead▲	329	...	...	1.7	34.8
143	101	Attwoods	125	+3	...	5.0	...
341	180	BPB Ind	341	+5	...	2.8	40.8
95	57	Baggeridge Brk	94	...	3.1	4.3	∞
31	18	Bailey (Benj) Con	26	...	0.6	2.9	...
108	74	Barcom	85	...	3.0	4.5	∞
56½	32½	Bardon	43	+1	2.0	5.8	21.2
220	94	Barratt Devs	219	...	4.0	2.3	∞
481	305	Bellway	481	+1	12.0	3.1	∞
46	15	Bellwinch	46	+3	...	...	...
514	295½	Berkeley Gp	514	+4	...	1.5	27.6
116	45	Bett Bros	111	+2	...	2.3	14.3
63	36	Blockleys	59	-3½	1.0	2.1	65.2
355	189	Blue Circle	341	-2	...	4.1	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	273	...	6.0	2.7	15.3
106	78	Breedon PLC	93	...	4.6	6.2	22.9
131	82	Br Dredging	130	...	5.2	3.0	28.9
86	45	Brit Fittings	78	-2	1.7	2.8	...
167	99	Bryant	167	+6	...	3.6	33.7
123	53	CALA	122	...	...	2.4	...
354	200	CRH	348	-4	...	2.5	19.1
43	19	Cakebread Rby	31	...	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	26½	...	...	...	...
152	86½	Countryside	152	...	...	3.4	∞
100	38	Crest Nicholson	97	...	0.0	...	...
112	27	Cussins	103	...	...	1.2	...
7½	1½	Dunton▲	5	-½	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	0.3	2.0	...
285	178	Epwin	273	...	7.0	3.2	23.1
59	32	Erith	57	+2	0.3	0.8	...
506	252	Eve Group▲	438	...	...	3.0	16.5
6½	3	Explaura▲	4½	+½	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp▲	134	...	...	4.7	21.3
50	38	Galliford	39	...	...	3.2	...
84	52	Gibbs & Dandy	84	...	...	3.0	...
923	648	Gleeson (MJ)	910	...	...	1.8	15.8
164	90	Hewden-Stuart	161	...	...	2.5	28.7
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	33.6
432	186	Heywd Wim	432	+2	13.0	4.0	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	119	+1	2.5	2.6	...
38	26	How Gp	28	...	...	5.0	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
83	39	Ibstock Johnsen	83	+5	1.0	1.5	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	305	+3	9.0	3.7	12.3
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cr Pf	120½	...	...	6.6	...
110	55	Ln Clydeside▲	110	...	4.5	5.1	41.4
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	15½	+½	...	...	7.2
368	240	Manders	368	+18	9.3	3.2	22.5
187	93	Marley	185	...	4.2	2.8	54.3
130	61	Marshalls	130	...	...	3.9	...
193	122	Maunders (J)	193	+4	...	1.3	18.6
231	96	McAlpine (A)	231	+1	6.5	3.5	40.0
53	23	McCarthy & S	53	+7	0.5	1.2	...
549	272	Meyer Int	529	-8	...	2.4	53.0
130	62	Mowlem (J)	130	+1	4.0	3.8	...
165	51	NSM	154	+1	...	...	...
53	48	Needler ▲	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
171	106	Newman Tnks	164	+3	...	5.1	21.9
307	197	Persimmon	307	-4	8.6	3.5	31.3
26	10	Phoenix Timber	10	...	...	...	...
1725	1237½	Pochins	1550	...	29.0	2.4	21.8
187	80	Prowting	187	+5	3.4	2.3	...
6½	1½	Quiligotti▲	1½	...	...	...	...
962	555	RMC Gp	953	-4	...	2.6	35.8
117	75½	Raine Ind	94	+3	...	4.0	22.2
36	18	Ramus▲	23	...	...	...	...
603	402	Redland	591	+2	25.0	5.3	34.4
86	64	Roskel	80	...	4.3	6.7	11.8
342	207	Rugby Group	337	...	6.4	3.4	25.8
68	23	Syrfid-Rve▲	60	...	...	0.5	...
163	68	Sharpe & Fisher	162	...	...	3.1	28.2
260	86½	Sheffield Insl	260	+4	...	2.6	63.8
215	82	Sherif Hldgs▲	215	+8	...	2.2	∞
95	66	Shorco▲	94	...	...	6.9	21.4
240	196	Smart (J)	228	...	...	4.7	17.2
6½	1½	Sturmin	2	+½	...	...	...
171	100	Tarmac	171	+3	5.5	4.0	...
186	131	Tay Homes	173 †	+8	...	4.2	21.4
142	63	Taylor Woodrw	137	-1	1.0	0.9	...
633	433	Tilbury Dougls	615	...	33.0	6.7	20.0
39	19	Torex Hire▲	35	...	...	1.4	...
315	168	Travis Perkins	313	...	8.0	3.2	55.1
40	25	Try Group	25	...	1.0	4.5	7.9
28	21	Tudor▲	21	...	...	...	...
90	41	Vibroplant	90	+2½	2.5	3.5	32.4
65	20	Ward Hldgs	50	+1	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	380	Wats Blake	446	+6	...	3.4	19.2
21½	6½	Wescol▲	20	...	...	...	...
186	90	Westbury	186	+2	5.0	3.4	29.0
12	4½	West Scaffold▲	7	...	...	...	...
4½	3	Wiggins	3½	...	...	...	...
485	362	Wilson Bowdn	485	+6	...	2.3	34.1
205	147	Wilson (C)	199	+6	3.0	2.5	34.5
194	104	Wimpey G	171	+2	...	3.8	...
47	15	YRM	19	...	0.5	3.3	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	594	...	...	...	...
253	153	Adam & Harvey	250	...	13.0	6.5	4.6
92	56	Air London▲	63	+1	...	6.9	11.3
56	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
178	93	Auto Sec	170	-1	...	5.6	23.3
141	84	BET Ord	138	+½	...	2.0	5.6
115	41	BNB Res	115	+1	4.9	5.3	...
318	183	BPP	230	...	8.3	4.5	12.7
285	195	Barbour Index	233	...	8.0	4.3	16.0
28	15	Boustead	22	...	0.7	4.0	...
249	184	Brit Data Mgt	211	-1	4.7	2.8	15.4
26	11	Broadcastle▲	23	-1	...	1.4	18.3
73	48	Brooks Service	59	-1	...	1.1	...
109	86	CRT Gp	97	...	...	3.8	17.1
205	134½	Capita Group	205	+2	...	1.4	32.0
49½	31	Caster Plc	44½	+2	...	2.5	17.1
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	25	...	...	...	...
70	26	Christie	65	...	...	...	...
384	228	Chubb Sec	360 †	+5	...	1.8	22.4
116	90	Comact▲	110	...	...	1.7	29.7
41	6½	Corp Services	41	+1	...	...	...
91	20	Coutts Cnslg	83	+2	...	...	...
142	50	Dart	136 †	...	3.3	3.0	18.5
256	198	Davis Service	220	...	...	4.5	16.6
124	85	EW Fact▲	124	...	4.4	4.5	14.2
32	11	Gardiner	25½	-½	0.4	2.1	17.7
282½	215	Hays	282½	+8½	...	3.3	24.6
248	174	Hertz Robinsn	237	...	...	3.6	17.3
70	34	Holmes Protecn	39	...	...	...	2.4
337	127	Hutch Whamp	337	+4	...	1.4	28.2
2175	975	ISS B DKr	2125	...	...	1.0	14.7
637	475	Inchcape	549	-½	...	3.2	17.0
975	669	Johnson Clean	964	...	25.7	3.7	18.8
12	2½	Lep	7	...	...	...	...
285	177	Mitie Gp	275	...	3.5	1.6	21.4
1187	893	Manpower	1041	...	...	...	...
63	40½	Michael Page	62½	+½	1.8	3.5	22.0
279	115	Pennas▲	115	...	...	8.7	4.3
4½	2	Prime People	3½	...	...	...	...
142	57	Prodsoft Alex	65	-2	...	28.5	3.6
403	337	RCO	370	...	14.1	4.8	12.7
116	56	REA	97	...	2.0	2.6	...
109	43	Reed Executive	102	+5	...	...	...
156	105	Reliance Sec▲	105	...	...	5.4	22.5
248	178	Rentokil	245	+2	2.5	1.4	28.6
300	220	Rolfe & Nolan	290 †	...	...	3.2	19.8
399	319	Salvesen (C)	323 †	+2	...	3.0	21.8
34	25	Scot Pickford▲	35	...	...	2.9	11.2
10	5	Select Appt▲	9	...	...	...	...
1273	645	Seteo Gp	1273	...	13.3	1.3	35.2
352	283	Sherwd Cmpt▲	310	+6	...	8.0	3.2
130	90	Sketchley	100	...	...	3.5	22.9
255	150	Warner Howrd	255	...	6.6	2.6	17.0
48	27	Welpac	38	...	...	...	...
25	14	Wills Gp	25½	+½	...	2.0	17.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
249	210	Allied Colloids	233	+2	...	2.3	21.4
1008	613	Amersham	1008	+9	...	1.7	29.0
7	1½	Anglo Utd	4½	+1	...	...	...
£113½	8325	BASF DM	£112½	+62½	...	5.0	...
301	199	BTP	290 †	+2	...	4.0	24.0
£149½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£139½	+25	...	1.9	...
176	108	Blagden	158	-5	6.5	7.5	11.6
165	93	Brent Chems	129	+1	...	7.2	11.8
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	398	...	...	...	...
29	5	Caird Gp	8½	...	...	22.2	16.0
180	126	Canning (W)	146	+1	7.2	6.2	16.7
608	421	Courtaulds	470	+1	...	3.8	11.8
347	228	Croda	330	-1	...	2.0	18.9
149	103	Deflex	105	...	4.6	5.5	8.1
225	175	Ellis & Everard	222	+2	...	4.0	21.2
42½	15½	Euro Colour	35½	...	0.8	3.1	17.0
346	259	Halstead (J)	348	...	...	2.2	11.2
211	150	Hickson	179	...	...	5.6	16.5
£118	8850	Hoechst	£117½	+12½	...	3.1	...
259	162	Holliday Chem	162	-2	...	2.5	14.0
780	507	ICI	753	+14	...	4.8	...
719	576	Laporte	718	+2	18.0	3.5	19.8
230	141	Leigh	181 †	...	...	5.1	16.8
97½	35	MTM	46½	-1½	...	...	...
2057	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1962	-1½	...	1.5	25.5
464	370	Paterson Zoch	461	+1	...	3.4	15.6
420	360	-do- 'A'	416	+1	...	3.8	14.0
286	193	Plysu	283	+5	...	4.4	17.1
302	173	Porvair	253	...	3.8	1.9	27.1
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	59	+1	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	438	+3	...	4.9	20.2
565	395	Wolstnhlme R	565	...	17.0	3.8	19.3
425	330	Yorks Chem	393	-2	...	2.5	21.0
300	233	Yule Catto	259	...	...	2.9	16.1
801	593	Zeneca	801	+6	...	4.3	47.3

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	66	...	...	3.7	...
87	42	Amber Day	68 †	+1	1.3	2.5	∞
381	257	Argos Plc	381	+5	...	2.3	32.5
25	9½	Ashley Group	11	...	...	2.1	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	75	...	0.1	0.2	...
330	278	Asprey	307 †	...	5.2	2.1	19.8
172	94	Austin Reed	172	+13	...	1.8	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	147	-1	...	5.2	14.8
121	94	Benralls	108	-2	1.9	2.2	...
278	131	Betterware	132	-1	...	2.0	15.8
47	22	Blacks Leis	38 †	...	2.2	7.4	...
227	133	Body Shop	220	...	...	1.0	28.4
16½	9½	Brown & Jackson	11½	...	...	0.8	5.9
434	318	Brown (N)	422	...	...	2.2	24.8
87½	60½	Burton	62½	+½	...	4.1	...
195	126	Castors	199	...	...	2.6	27.2
360	295	Church	335	+2	12.5	4.7	29.8
183	97	Clinton Cards	155	...	4.3	3.5	18.7
280½	212	Coats Viyella	268	+1	...	3.5	37.0
112	78	Colourvision▲	83	...	5.6	8.4	14.9
181	154	C'try Casuals	157	...	...	3.3	14.6
935	374	Courts Furnish	890	...	5.6	0.8	11.1
155	115	Crown Eyes	155 †	+5	...	0.0	10.6
130	89	Dairy Farm Intl	119	+1	...	3.1	17.5
98½	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	98	+1½	0.8	1.0	31.5
293	189	Dixons Grp	271	+2	...	2.9	...
21	8	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	69.7
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.3
166	71	Essex Furn	164	...	...	2.7	26.2
273	203	Etam	230	...	7.0	3.8	21.1
608	499	Fine Art Dev	539 †	-2	13.0	3.0	17.5
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
690	498	Forminster	690	+52	14.0	2.5	12.5
180	24	French Conn▲	120	+1	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	66	...	...	4.0	20.5
78	23	Goldsmiths Gp	76	...	0.3	0.5	...
606	334	GUS	605	...	...	2.4	18.6
40	21	Hampden Grp▲	21	...	...	6.0	10.4
277	30	Hartstone	58	+1	...	...	...
33	20	Helene Plc	29½	...	2.0	8.5	13.9
93	29	Heritage▲	93	+3	...	...	...
79	35	Honeysuckle▲	70	...	...	4.0	∞
179	63	Jacques Vert	170	...	...	2.1	13.7
751½	496	Kingfisher	719	+2	...	2.4	24.8
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	73	...	4.0	6.8	15.0
685	495	Liberty	535	...	7.2	1.7	63.0
342	241	Lloyds Chem	336	-6	...	2.7	11.8
160	120	MFI	159	...	...	2.9	33.4
457	311	Marks Spencer	430	-½	...	2.4	22.0
580	445	Menzies (John)	554	...	...	2.4	16.0
253	135	Moss Bros	236	...	5.5	2.9	27.7
214½	139½	Next	214	+2	3.5	2.0	29.5
41	15	Oliver (G)	38	...	...	...	...
325	197	Oriflame Intl	315	...	...	4.0	15.2
63	24	Pentos	26	+1½	0.8	3.8	5.4
313	185	QS Hldgs	225	...	5.1	2.9	16.0
69½	20½	Rhino Grp▲	65	...	...	...	...
176	120	Rosebys	175	...	...	3.5	21.0
181	135	Sherwood Gp	147	...	...	2.2	13.2
131½	93	Sears	129	+1½	...	3.4	...
41½	11	Signet Group	24½	+4½	...	...	...
527	400	Smith WH 'A'	526	+9	...	3.4	17.2
20	4½	Specialeyes▲	16	...	...	...	...
235	176	Storehouse	230	-4½	...	2.7	22.5
191	147	T & S Stores	147	...	6.0	5.1	10.9
162	71	Tie Rack	156	...	1.0	0.8	25.5
239	160	Time Products	234	...	7.7	4.1	20.2
128	63	Usher (Frank)▲	111	...	...	6.8	9.6
396	302	Vendome	388	-7	...	2.0	18.1
45	27	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
48	34	Wensum▲	44	...	...	5.3	...
120	76	Wickes	112	+3	...	0.2	50.9
78	45	Wld of Leather▲	54	...	...	...	...
192½	142	Wyevale	176	...	...	3.0	23.3
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	148	+1	...	4.2	14.9
275	223	Acal▲	263 †	...	...	3.1	18.9
162½	38	Acorn Comp▲	81	...	...	...	41.1
480	385	Admiral	475	...	5.7	1.5	20.1
170	104	Alba	163	...	...	3.7	18.4
50	19½	Alphameric	39	-½	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	40½	...	0.5	1.5	∞
128	61	App Holo▲	74	+1	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	35	...	...	...	...
88	35½	Astec	74½	+1	...	0.4	...
293	224	Beales Hunter	235	...	...	5.0	14.5
9	2	Bennett & Fount	2½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	416	+1	19.2	5.8	...
558	408	Black	470	...	10.2	2.8	∞
1700	925	Borland▲	1150	...	...	...	...
384	270	Bowthorpe	372 †	+4	...	2.3	24.7
484½	376	BT	481½	+5½	...	4.2	18.6
232½	150	BT P/P	224½	+4	...	4.2	22.0
18½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	14½	-½	0.1	0.8	...
160	48	Burnfield	69	...	5.7	10.4	10.9
511	334½	Cable Wireless	504 †	+2	...	1.9	26.3
27½	11½	Chloride	23½	+1	...	...	...
273	229	CML Micro▲	270	...	...	2.2	19.6
115	74	Compr People	110	+2	...	...	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	147½	-½	...	1.3	15.2
433	243	Critchley	422 †	+1	...	1.4	24.3
554	414	Delta	484	...	...	3.6	20.2
443	205	Denmans El▲	443	...	...	1.7	18.9
620	395	Domino	410	-8	7.4	2.3	14.0
67	48	Dowding Mills	67	+1½	...	4.7	28.7
1220	865	Druck▲	1210	...	10.0	1.0	25.8
513	358	Electrocomponts	513	+8	...	2.0	20.9
710	470	El Data Ptc	535	...	5.5	1.3	∞
146	43	Electron House	133	-2	2.6	2.4	28.2
30½	10½	Emess	21½	...	0.1	0.6	...
675	442	Eurotherm	674	+2	8.5	1.6	30.7
195	108	FKI	195	...	...	2.1	28.6
555	340	Farnell Elect	554½	+½	...	1.5	29.4
91	33	Feedback▲	73 †	+2	...	3.4	9.9
18	1	Ferranti	1 #	...	...	...	...
304	101	First Tech	298	+3	...	0.8	24.7
270	81	Forward Gp▲	233	...	...	2.1	16.5
22½	13½	Forward Tech	14	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	325 †	+5	10.4	4.0	16.2
199	132	Graseby	163	+5	...	8.4	34.3
14	7	Graystone	11	...	...	...	...
52	35	Hilclare▲	39 †	-1	...	1.6	...
169	83	INSTEM▲	135	...	...	2.9	9.7
169	118	Ind Control	150	...	...	3.7	15.1
388	320	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.8	15.6
105	26	Kalamazoo	100 †	-1	2.7	3.4	23.2
19	8	Kembrey	12½	...	0.1	1.6	...
349	260	Kenwood App	335	+7½	...	2.9	18.6
265	47	Kewill Sys▲	231	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	165	...	6.0	4.5	19.6
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	19	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS▲	145	-5	...	0.6	20.4
300	205	Lec Refrig	298	...	9.0	4.4	...
179	129	Life Sciences	139	...	3.7	3.4	15.1
285	164	Logica	268	...	...	1.9	30.9
55	44	LPA Ind▲	52	...	...	8.5	14.7
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	203	...	...	3.2	19.1
718	523	Macro 4	655	+17	...	3.4	19.9
243	175½	Memvier-Sw▲	237	...	...	1.9	21.0
3013	903	Micro Focus	920	+15	...	...	8.5
227	144	Microgen	148	...	7.2	6.1	10.1
35½	23½	Microvitec▲	32	-½	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	515	-2	...	1.7	18.8
584	108	Mitel	378	+18	...	...	...
153	108	MMT Comp▲	143	...	...	3.5	19.5
52	16	Molynx	36	...	...	1.3	...
272	202	MTL Inst▲	290	...	...	1.9	18.8
165	103	Muirhead Elect	140	...	3.5	3.1	25.4
240	116	Murray Enter	229	+2	...	2.1	∞
3206½	2612½	NYNEX	2782½	...	...	...	...
188	120	Neotronics	128	...	2.6	2.5	16.5
66	42	Newmark (L)	54	...	...	...	...
295	58	Norbain▲	269	-15	...	0.7	20.7
75	20	Northamber	50	...	0.6	1.5	...
15½	5	Oceonics	7½	...	...	...	...
306	195	Oxford Inst	306	...	4.6	1.9	21.0
83	48	P-E Intern'l	73	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	58	...	1.5	3.2	30.8
85	55	Peek	77	-½	3.4	5.5	20.2
227	115	Pegasus▲	202	...	...	2.0	51.8
9750	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9750	...	...	5.9	...
1457½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1400	+25	...	...	...
340	211	Phonelink▲	340	+9	...	...	...
290	171½	Pifco	288	+8	...	1.8	24.1
280	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	278	+8	...	1.9	23.3
96	63	Plasmec▲	72	-1	...	5.2	6.1
120	76	Pressac	100	...	...	3.2	21.2
188	81	Psion▲	168	...	...	1.9	44.6
261	147	Racal Elect	185 †	...	4.2	2.9	11.0
70	38	Radamec	38	...	...	4.9	8.1
70	24	Radius▲	27	...	2.2	10.4	9.3
92	61	Real Time ▲	70	...	...	5.4	14.4
35	18	Riva▲	25	...	...	...	31.7
629	367	Sage Gp	605	...	9.9	2.5	∞
348	222	Sanderson Elec	313	...	9.9	4.0	13.1
88	49	Scantronic	72 †	...	3.1	5.5	19.7
181	117	Scholes Grp	158	+1	...	4.0	20.5
375	270	Sema Gp	309	...	2.9	1.2	25.1
42	26	Silvermines	39	...	...	3.2	...
57	37	Soundtracks▲	57	+1	...	5.0	19.2
2615	1737½	TDK	2312½	-100	...	1.4	26.2
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	11½	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	142	...	0.6	0.7	23.4
1017	809	THORN EMI	1005	-11	...	4.0	23.1
152	96	Thorpe FW	132	...	...	2.5	15.4
103	24	Total Systems▲	24	-1	1.5	7.8	4.3
575	372	Tunstall	568	...	7.0	1.6	∞
295	164	Unitech	256	...	...	3.0	60.6
11½	6	Verity	11½	+½	...	...	...
35	22½	Viseca▲	24½	...	...	1.9	14.5
585	367	Vodafone	574	-14	...	1.7	25.0
473	368	Volex	425 †	+2	18.1	5.3	17.4
26	11	Western Selectn	20 †	...	0.2	1.6	...
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	265	...	11.7	5.5	28.2

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
676	389	East Midlands	664	-3	...	3.9	11.6
695	390	Eastern Elect	691	-3	...	3.7	11.0
480½	304	Hydro-Elect	469	-1	...	3.2	16.3
668	404	London Elec	662	-3	...	4.1	12.1
756	458	Manweb	754	+3	...	3.7	9.3
719	434½	Midlands Elec	718	+2	...	3.7	11.2
476	273	National Powr	474	+5	...	2.9	11.7
731	440	Northern Elec	720	-2	...	3.9	9.4
277	100	Nthn Ireland	274	+1	...	3.2	13.1
742	439	Norweb	742	+7	20.8	3.5	10.5
541	273	PowerGen	539	+13	...	2.6	14.1
476½	285	Scottish Power	465	-3	...	3.1	17.1
751	436	Seeboard	744	-1	...	3.5	9.6
751	469	Sth Wales	741	+6	...	4.0	11.2
695	426	Sth Western	691	...	...	3.9	10.1
713	406	Southern Elec	707	+1	...	3.7	9.3
690	455	Yorkshire Elec	687	+1	...	3.9	12.8

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	54	...	1.0	2.3	11.5
133	47	BWD▲	133	...	...	3.2	20.3
101	26	Baltic Plc	99	...	...	1.3	...
628	413	Caledonia	624	...	...	3.1	23.2
1900	1075	Camellia	1900	...	...	2.0	7.1
318	243	Candover	307	+2	10.4	4.3	21.7
315	71	Fleetch▲	313	+2	...	0.2	...
354	155	Goven	354	+2	...	4.6	10.4
188	125	Ivory Sime	182	+8	...	4.9	15.5
7½	3	LIT	7½	...	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaiting▲	234	-1	8.7	4.6	17.0
79	47	Manakin	79	...	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Brs	310	+3	6.5	2.6	18.8
26	17	Rutland Tst	21½	...	...	4.7	12.8
340	253	S & U	313	...	10.2	4.1	11.6
83	48	Singer & Fried	82	+2	...	4.6	...
1053	713	Sotheby's	1038	+13	...	3.3	...
126	113	SJP Capital	126	+5	3.0	3.0	52.0

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556½	1487½	Amer Express	2043½	+31½	...	...	...
1133	835	Henderson Ad	1023	+3	...	5.1	23.6
200	92	Invesco	186	+4	...	2.0	...
292	164	Jardine Strat	283	+10	...	2.8	11.8
295	154	MAI	295	+3	...	3.4	16.1
728	389	MAM	710	+3	16.0	2.8	17.7
1013	683	M & G	1009	+1	25.0	3.1	∞
433	109	Smith New Crt	418	+2	...	2.1	4.1
81	45	Trio Hldgs	57	...	2.5	5.6	∞

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
559½	456	AB Food	556	-1½	...	3.4	11.4
77½	46½	ASDA Group	55	-1	1.6	3.8	...
345	170	Acatos & Hutch	340	...	8.0	3.0	∞
80	55	Albert Fisher	65	...	3.7	7.2	∞
407	246	Argyll	288 †	+4	...	4.8	10.4
230	160	Banks (S C)	217	...	9.0	5.2	9.7
402	305	Barr (AG)	309	...	6.5	2.6	15.6
85	57	Bensons Crsps▲	58	...	...	6.1	13.0
141	100	Berisford Intl	106	-1	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	408	...	...	6.7	35.4
52	35	Borthwick	49½	...	...	3.0	61.5
505	430	Brake Bros	474	...	6.3	1.7	19.7
51	38	Budgen	41	...	...	3.0	12.5
506	407	Cadbury-Schw	506	+8	...	3.3	17.9
144	78	Carrs Milling	143	...	...	3.8	10.2
196	133	Cranswick	153	...	...	6.6	14.2
22	8½	Colleris	13	...	0.5	4.8	37.3
384	119	Dalepak	121	...	6.0	6.3	9.5
521	424	Dalgety	473	-1	...	5.4	13.5
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
257	191	Devro	250	...	...	2.8	23.8
134	99	Everest	101	...	...	4.6	18.3
383	269	Farepak	374	...	5.7	1.9	23.0
10	3	Farringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	69	-1	...	7.5	22.9
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.6	18.0
483	305	Geest	338	...	8.1	3.0	15.2
16	7	Global▲	14	...	...	4.5	21.8
50	43	Grand Central	49	...	0.8	2.0	...
203	139	Hazlewood Fds	153 †	-1	...	5.3	8.6
175	131	Hillsdown	157	+6	8.8	7.0	12.3
250	146	Iceland Group	172	+5	...	2.5	10.8
131	92	JLI Group	100	+1	...	6.0	10.9
853	542	Kwik Save	585	-1	...	3.9	10.5
262	144	Low (Wm)	153	-1½	...	6.9	5.4
83	41	Matthews (B)	78	-½	2.3	3.8	51.1
19½	11	Merchant Retail	13	...	0.9	9.3	26.2
174	84	Morrison (W)	103	-2	...	1.0	13.4
233	177	Nichols (JN)	226	...	5.5	3.1	16.4
291	207½	Ntnn Foods	211 †	+3½	...	5.0	10.3
20½	8	Nthmbrn Fn▲	9	+1	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	184	-1	...	4.2	10.2
270	205	Park Foods	270	+23	...	2.8	20.8
115	58	Perkins Food	60	...	...	9.3	6.9
114	47	PizzaExpress	106	...	...	0.6	22.4
9	1½	Regina Hlth▲	3½	...	...	...	...
584	360	Sainsbury J	448½	-1½	...	2.9	15.7
86	33	Sentry Farm▲	73	...	...	2.6	13.1
225	90	Sims Food	92 †	...	...	8.8	17.7
439	355½	Tate & Lyle	394	...	...	4.1	10.4
273	176	Tesco	230	...	...	4.1	10.0
211	123	Thorntons	160	-2	...	2.9	...
183	101	Treats▲	145	...	...	3.2	16.6
410	300	Unigate	359	+1	...	5.7	11.8
437	326	Utd Biscuits	356	+8	...	5.4	22.0
24½	18½	Usborne	21	...	...	3.2	15.5
337	248	Watson & Phil	278	+2	13.2	5.9	14.5

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk H▲	26	...	...	...	...
93½	77	City Centre Rest	84	+1	1.5	2.3	20.3
265	170	Forte	256	-4	...	3.7	20.1
215	148	Friendly Hotels	153	+4	...	4.7	28.8
11½	5	Harmony Prop▲	9½	...	...	...	...
156	87	Jurys Hotel	154	...	...	4.1	12.5
222½	142	Ladbroke	156	-3	11.1	8.9	13.3
85	59	Mandarin Ornt	82	+1	...	4.1	20.3
59	44	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	...	3.7	...
99	83	-do- 7¼% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2	¼	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels IE	18½	...	...	6.8	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	800	...	7.0	1.1	...
66	34½	Stakis	60	-3	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	30	+3	...	...	1.8
616	455	AAH	478	...	...	4.6	15.9
185	123	AIM	138	...	7.5	6.8	8.4
132	88	APV	115½	+1	...	5.8	...
238	81	ASW	158	...	...	4.7	...
186½	118	Adwest	160	...	...	5.6	15.4
29	10	Aerospace Eng	18½	...	...	5.1	24.3
281	249	Airsprung	278 †	...	...	2.1	17.8
190	113	Alexdra W	190	+1	4.1	2.7	30.1
13½	6½	Allied Radio	7½	...	...	...	...
292½	207½	Alumasc	281	+1	...	2.6	16.6
48	17	Alvis	37	...	1.0	3.4	∞
725	345	Amber Ind	725	+40	...	3.3	16.6
56	45	Amberley Gp▲	50	...	...	2.5	...
107	75	Anagen	81	...	...	...	...
145	65	Andrews Sykes	67	...	...	5.6	...
1005	703	Antofagasta	980	...	...	2.0	18.1
54½	37	Armour	45	...	...	4.5	10.7
170	143	Ash & Lacy	168	+4	6.4	4.8	17.2
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	1.8	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	475 †	...	...	4.3	∞
268	168	Assoc Nursg▲	267	...	...	0.5	16.3
687½	498	Atlas Equip	498	-5	...	5.5	12.5
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	66	...	...	...	...
197	147	BBA	191	-5	...	4.9	16.2
97	38	BLP Group▲	91	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	23½	-½	0.5	3.4	...
770	590	BOC	645	+5	...	4.5	15.2
79½	50	BSG	61	...	...	6.6	21.2
549	353	BSS Group	549 †	...	...	3.1	30.6
409½	318	BTR	364	+10	...	3.8	20.4
221	147	BWI	152	...	...	5.5	14.1
50	25½	Babcock	29½	-1	...	4.7	17.6
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
289	228	Baird (Wm)	230	...	8.9	4.8	16.0
1062½	550	Barlow Rand	775 †	-12½	...	4.3	∞
65	48	Baynes (Charles)	62	+1	...	3.0	25.4
15	4	Beauford	4½	-½	...	...	...
10	2	Beckenham▲	2½ #	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	28	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	15½	...	...	2.4	11.7
707	285	Bespak	308	+8	10.0	4.1	9.6
133	55	Bibby (J)	59	+2	2.0	4.2	∞
312	139	Billam (J)	269	...	5.3	2.5	13.6
41	21½	Bilston Batten▲	30	...	...	...	...
11	2	Bimec Ind	3½	...	...	...	...
242	118½	Birkby	242 †	+3	3.7	1.9	12.6
45	29	Black Arrow	31	...	2.1	8.5	9.7
3	½	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
253	136	Black (Peter)	253	+1	3.7	1.8	22.2
590	129	Bluebird Toys▲	575	...	...	1.0	17.5
322	230	Bodycote	259	...	...	2.5	16.6
40	23	Bogod 'A'	30	...	0.7	2.9	11.1
563	416	Boots	557	-7	...	3.1	22.0
61	39	Booth Inds	43	...	...	...	...
523	402	Bowater	487	+8	...	3.1	20.3
1662	1189	Bowater Inc	1590	+4	...	...	...
279	199	Bramore Intl▲	249	+4	...	1.9	18.6
19	12½	Brasway	15½	+1	...	4.2	...
303	204	Bramner	288	...	13.0	5.6	21.4
22	12	Bridgend Gp	23	...	0.4	...	...
125	84	Brixton	122	...	...	4.1	...
88	53	Bridport-Grdry	73	+1	...	4.3	...
48	31	Brierley Inv	48	+1	...	7.0	11.6
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	190	...	8.0	5.3	∞
119	42	Br Bloodstock▲	117	-1	...	...	...
528	415	Br Polythene	426	+3	...	3.0	15.3
135½	54	Br Steel	129½	+7½	...	1.5	...
180	80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
195	115	Br Thornton	183	-3	...	3.5	18.7
228	215	Br Vita	244	...	7.3	3.7	15.0
19½	9½	Britton Grp	14½	...	...	1.6	...
905	555	[illegible]	795	+5	...	2.3	35.6
112	78	Bromsgrove Ind	91	...	...	6.0	11.8
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9½	...	...	...	...
73	36	Brown & Tawse	49	+6	...	...	...
136	91	Bullough	135	...	6.0	5.6	23.1
24	11½	Business Tech▲	14	...	...	...	...
21	12	CI Group	15	...	0.5	4.8	14.4
42	11	Campbell & Arm	38	...	...	...	...
39	8½	Cannon St	32½	...	...	...	...
260	205	Cape	254 †	...	...	5.2	17.2
404	254	Caradon	404	+6	...	2.7	32.7
157½	128	-do- pf	155½	+2½	7.2	4.7	...
282	178	Cardo Eng	282	+4	8.6	4.1	18.6
2888	2225	Carnaud Mtl	2113	+25	...	2.9	∞
80	68	Castley Brass	80	+1	...	3.8	13.1
225	158	Castings	220 †	-1	4.6	2.6	15.5
71	53	Celtic Ind	62	...	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	170	...	6.5	4.8	10.6
743	605	Charter	719	+2	...	3.8	11.0
345	220	Chemring	324	...	9.0	3.5	∞
62	45	Chieftain Gp▲	46	...	4.5	12.2	4.9
45	15	Chillington	40	+2	1.0	3.2	...
230	144	Christies Intl	224	-3	...	0.8	55.6
88	34	Claymore	68	...	...	4.6	...
95	55	Clayton Son	55	...	...	...	...
7	½	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	...	...	...
405	295	Cobden (A)	403	...	3.4	1.1	...
262	179	Community H	242	...	...	3.6	16.5
246	196	Concentric	235 †	...	5.8	3.6	∞
328	125	Cook (Wm)	288	...	6.0	2.8	16.2
233	182	Cookson	230	-1	...	3.3	30.4
81	58	Coppermin▲	91	+1	...	1.5	24.7
250	130	Crest Pk 'A'	240	...	...	4.8	20.2
178	62	Cosalt	112 †	...	5.3	6.0	∞
225	150	Creighton Nat	225 †	+1	...	4.1	16.1
48	27	CrestaCare	37	+1	0.6	2.2	32.0
3956½	2907½	Dana	3712½ †	-25	...	...	...
313	78½	Danka Bs Sys	281	...	...	0.7	26.7
254	193	David Brown	243	...	...	3.1	17.2
22	5	Davies (DY)▲	18	...	...	...	...
846	632	De La Rue	839	-7	...	2.9	20.2
38	16	Dinkie Heel	37	...	1.1	3.7	29.5
574	391	Diploma	553	-2	13.0	2.7	∞
89	50	Dobson Park	88 †	...	3.7	5.3	∞
119	92	Dyson (J&J)	114	...	5.0	5.5	21.0
83	57	-do- 'A'	81	...	5.0	7.7	14.9
16½	8	EFG	14	...	...	...	...
440	360	EIS	360	-3	...	4.2	14.3
28	19	Elbief	22	...	...	...	...
50	19	Elrco	45	...	...	...	0.00
2537½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2187½	-12½	...	2.4	...
73	43	Elliott (B)	69	...	...	...	...
475	394	Eng China Cl	448	+6	...	5.6	26.1
140	111	Environmed	125	...	...	...	∞
3962½	1580	Ericsson 'B'	2625	+137½	...	1.1	...
77	32	Eurocopy	77	...	1.7	2.8	∞
87	47	Expamet	69	...	...	4.4	1.6
719	499	Fairey Group	670	+1	10.7	2.0	20.6
121	47	Fenner	119	...	...	...	...
85	32	Ferraris Group	84 †	...	2.0	3.0	∞
3½	¼	Ferrometal▲	3½	...	...	...	...
29	13	Ferrum	15	+1	1.4	11.7	10.5
66	28	Fife Indmar	63	...	...	5.5	...
251	102	Fisons	115	-3	...	9.5	10.7
53	29	Fitzwilton	53	...	...	8.5	...
288	215	Flogas	253	...	...	3.9	11.6
43	33	Folkes Group nv	34	+1	1.5	5.5	19.3
93	56	French (Thomas)	92	-1	3.6	4.9	46.1
237	162	Frost Group	237	...	...	2.3	30.7
88	70	GEI Int	77	...	...	4.0	...
513	434	GKN	500	+2	...	5.1	33.4
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	4.9	...
104	79	Galliton Eng	91	...	4.1	5.7	...
161	103	Gestetner	134	-1	8.2	7.6	5.8
68	23	Gieves	49	...	...	...	35.5
801	509	Glaxo	707	-½	...	3.8	18.5
38½	16	Glencheton	38	...	...	...	...
369	245	Glynwed	369	+9	11.6	3.9	34.8
129	66	Goode Durrant	125	...	...	5.4	...
165	102	Grampian Hd	163	...	5.5	4.2	28.3
528	341	Granada	527	+7	...	2.1	21.6
455	301	Great Stam▲	454	...	...	3.1	18.7
117	73	Green (Ernest)▲	81	...	...	10.8	12.5
19½	8½	Greenacre▲	14½	...	...	2.6	14.3
17	5	Guardian Grp▲	6	...	...	...	...
68	30½	Haden MacLn	68	...	...	3.7	24.5
102	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	102 †	+1	...	1.2	...
290	115	Hall Eng	266	...	8.6	4.1	22.2
229	161	Halma	220	...	...	1.2	27.4
53	30	Hampson Ind	48	...	1.6	4.2	15.9
280½	222	Hanson	276½	+2	...	5.2	20.5
221	146	Harris (Philip)	147 †	...	...	5.8	8.9
208	147	Harden Crsfld	195	...	9.0	5.8	28.1
123	38	Havelock Eum	118	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
30	17	Headway	29	...	...	3.0	...
13½	3	Healthcare	3	...	...	...	0.8
444	301	Hepworth	441	+4	14.8	4.2	19.1
228	160	Hewitt (J)	205	...	3.2	2.0	16.0
57½	15	High-Point	53	...	0.5	1.2	...
168	112½	Hill & Smith	168	+2	...	4.2	23.4
19½	6½	Hobson▲	16	...	...	...	77.0
176	87	Holders Tech▲	172	...	...	4.4	22.4
52	30	Hopkinsons	45	...	0.9	2.5	34.0
188	133	Hornby▲	177	-7	...	6.4	16.7
88	54½	Howden	79½	...	2.2	3.6	14.0
260	173	Hunting	216	-2	...	5.8	18.2
505	289½	Huntigh Tec▲	475	...	...	2.6	12.1
315	247	IMI	315	+2	...	4.0	27.9
119	90	ISA Intl	114	...	1.5	1.7	17.7
205	131	Intercare Gp▲	158	+1	...	2.8	∞
286	235	Isotron	284	+4	4.3	1.9	16.5
665	360	Jardine Math	640	+20	...	2.0	23.2
537	425	Johnson Math	527 †	+2	...	2.5	20.6
64	35½	Johnston & FB	37 †	-½	1.3	4.6	∞
177	104	Johnston	162	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	26	+1	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	29	...	0.7	3.2	...
178	73	Kalon	155	-1	...	2.8	21.5
287	195	Kelsey Ind	255	...	8.0	3.9	...
735	465	Kenlaw (A)	730	...	27.0	4.6	37.9
275	75	Kleeneze	275	+6	1.0	0.5	∞
164	61	LOW▲	160	...	3.4	2.7	13.3



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351	266	Laird	340	+1	...	3.9	16.7
157½	103	Lilleshall	143	...	...	3.8	18.8
223	97	Lincat▲	205	...	...	3.7	14.4
33½	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	30½	...	...	...	25.1
128	76	Linread	95	...	3.8	5.0	14.7
318	170	Linton Park	313	...	...	5.6	11.3
15½	9½	Lionheart	10½	...	0.2	2.4	...
21	15	Locker (T) A	17	...	0.8	6.3	24.7
274	97	Lon Intl	132	-2	6.2	5.9	...
144	70	Lonrho	130	-½	4.0	3.8	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	358	+1	...	3.2	30.1
44	14½	ML Hldgs	43	...	...	...	...
56	27	MS Intl	54	...	...	5.0	54.6
55	39	MY Holdings	49	...	...	3.3	∞
218	168	Macfarlane	218	...	...	1.9	24.7
460	379	McKechnie	450	+1	14.7	4.1	∞
123	85	McLeod Russel	115	...	...	6.6	17.0
106	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
132	71	Mang Bronze	130	...	2.5	2.4	∞
26½	19½	Marling	20½	...	...	5.2	...
211	124	Mayborn▲	211	...	...	3.1	16.2
62	29	Mayflower	53	...	...	1.1	44.3
236	85	Medeva	136	-1	...	2.2	11.0
118	88	Meggitt	96	...	...	5.0	16.3
126	95	Metair	114	...	...	4.1	18.6
154	122	Metrotect	122 †	-2	...	3.3	17.0
98	70	Metsec▲	98	...	...	...	...
90	59	Midstatres	87	...	...	1.1	12.1
28½	14	Mining & Aid	25	...	0.7	3.9	∞
560	368	Molins	560	...	...	3.2	13.5
362	262	Morgan Cble	362	+7	...	4.4	19.0
184	134	Morris Ashby▲	176	-7	...	4.1	13.2
38	18	Neepsend	34	...	1.0	3.7	45.6
73	34	Nestor-BNA	61	...	3.1	6.5	14.6
301	122	Nobo Gp	200	...	4.8	3.0	19.7
193	122½	Norcros	190	-1	...	4.7	27.3
51	35	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
413	310	Nu-Swift	403	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	58	...	...	...	...
56	21	OMI Intl	53	...	...	4.2	...
165	121	PCT▲	164	...	...	5.5	18.6
91	36	Pacer Systems▲	88	...	...	4.9	...
138	87½	Pentland	102	+½	...	3.2	13.9
395	288	Photo-Me	288	...	4.6	2.0	18.6
173½	97½	Pilkington	171 †	...	...	1.9	...
93	68	Plantsbrook	92	...	3.1	4.2	14.5
154	125	Polypipe	141	...	2.1	1.9	19.1
42	15	Porter Chadburn	16	...	...	3.1	7.3
14½	5½	Porth Gp▲	12½	+½	...	...	...
376	272	Powerscreen	303	+7	...	2.8	15.8
21½	16½	Prospect Inds	19	...	0.8	5.4	∞
65	33½	RPS Group▲	56	...	2.3	5.1	12.4
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ransom Off▲	152	...	...	0.8	50.9
983	636	Rank Org	980	+7	31.0	4.0	26.8
33	13	Ransomes	13	...	...	...	...
690	532	Reckitt Colm	676	-2	...	3.1	15.6
77	50	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	3½	...	...	...	...
277	131	Relyon	277	...	5.0	2.3	33.2
303	208	Renishaw	295	...	...	2.8	35.1
123	55	Renold	121½	+½	...	1.7	...
1788	1240	Reuters	1770	+12	22.1	1.6	29.3
83	29½	Rexmore	71	...	2.0	3.6	...
188	91	Ricardo Group	184	+5	...	3.9	26.1
76	58	Richard (Leics)	70	...	3.7	6.7	...
98	63	Richardson West	85	+2	3.0	4.5	21.8
142	109	Ropner	126	+2	8.2	8.2	17.9
136	97	-do- 'A'	122	+2	8.2	8.5	17.3
38	14	Ross Gp	18	-½	0.8	4.5	7.4
184	131½	Rotork	169	+1	...	2.7	19.8
167	89	Rubicon	165	...	...	3.3	23.2
66	43	Russell (A)	62	...	...	1.0	...
34	15	STP Intl	31 †	...	0.8	3.3	∞
1067½	625	SKF 'B'	1037½	+12½	...	...	...
60½	30	Saville Grdn (J)	50	...	...	4.7	29.4
240	205	Seapa	217 †	+1	...	3.3	16.2
238	182	Scholl	182	...	...	4.3	13.2
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5 #	...	...	...	...
323	277	Scotia	285	...	...	...	...
1135	917	Securicor	1135	+1	2.6	0.3	43.2
875	562	-do- 'A'	875	...	2.6	0.4	33.3
760	465	Security Serv	760	...	5.1	0.9	37.6
126½	77	Senior Eng	119½	+2	...	3.4	19.9
361	278	Seton Health	315	-1	...	2.4	18.6
68	42	Sheldon Jones▲	43	...	...	...	...
166	88	Shiloh	138	+1	3.0	2.7	14.9
344	271	Sidlaw	299	+2	...	4.4	14.8
587	427	Siebe	587	-2	...	2.3	19.9
383	220	Silentnight	355	...	...	2.8	19.2
154	102	Sime Darby	154 #	...	...	3.5	∞
142	32	Simon Eng	116	+9	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	188	...	...	4.7	14.6
47	35	Six Hundred	36	...	...	5.2	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	147½	+½	...	4.0	16.4
513	373	Smithkline	398	-7	9.6	3.0	14.4
480	340	Smithkline Uts	361	-2	...	3.3	12.2
445	320	Smiths Ind	444	...	...	3.0	17.8
140	58	Slim Bus	75	...	3.5	5.8	7.1
466	265	Spandex▲	466	...	...	1.8	20.7
880	300	Spear (JW)	510	...	4.5	1.1	9.5
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	336	...	...	3.5	21.1
145	44	Spring Ram	49	-1	...	0.6	18.1
270	201	Staveley	213	+1	...	5.0	12.0
194	126	Sterling Ind	194	+2	...	3.8	29.5
187	97	Suter	176	+2	9.0	6.4	18.4
546	244	Swire Pacif 'A'	546	+8	...	1.6	∞
7	1	Sycamore	2½	+½	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	53	...	...	7.3	10.1
166	120	Syltone	166	...	...	3.6	23.7
408	279	TI	408	+6	...	3.3	27.9
33	12	TLS Range▲	32	-1	...	1.0	...
337	211	TT Group	326	...	...	2.5	20.1
252½	201	Takare	252½	+8½	...	0.9	22.0
868	618	Takeda Chem	701	-31	...	0.9	13.3
68	24	Tex Hldgs	61	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (B)▲	97	...	...	7.4	10.6
240	150	Titon▲	221	...	...	2.4	∞
271	212½	Tomkins	243	...	...	3.3	17.9
112	67	Trafalgar H	83	+6½	...	5.0	...
116	61	Transfer Tech	68 †	...	3.2	5.9	8.6
190	120	Triplex Lloyd	135	+1	...	0.6	15.9
278	214	Unichem	278	+3	6.4	2.9	18.2
375	275½	Unidare	365	...	...	3.5	∞
76	11½	Unigroup	32	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1187	+15	22.2	2.3	16.1
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7775	+125	...	2.7	12.8
24½	9	Utd Inds	9½	...	...	...	...
915	513	VSEL	834	+7	...	4.6	9.0
12½	6½	Verson	12½	...	...	...	...
173	95½	Vickers	173	+4	...	1.6	...
367	243	Victaulic	263	...	...	3.7	13.0
454	283	Vinten	449	+1	...	2.0	20.9
694	427	Vosper Thnry	657	...	...	3.1	15.2
48	38	WSP Hldgs	38	...	...	8.9	9.9
468	368	Wagon Ind	449	...	...	4.9	19.5
8½	1½	Wakebourne	1½	...	...	...	...
102	71	Walker Greenbk	101	...	3.1	3.8	25.8
258	201	Wassall	251	...	2.7	1.4	25.3
45	22	Watford Wdgwd	45	...	...	...	...
384	292	Weir	283	...	...	2.7	16.0
998	600	Wellcome	663	-2	...	3.3	13.9
23½	16	Wellman	22½	-½	0.9	5.0	36.7
358	260	West Hikhare	334	+1	...	1.4	21.5
510	455	Whatman	455	...	9.7	2.7	15.4
353	211	Whessoe	212	...	8.2	5.0	∞
94	27	Whitecroft	93½	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Widney	10½	...	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	120	...	3.5	...	35.1
365	295½	Williams Hldg	335	-4	12.5	4.4	18.6
46½	17	Wilshaw	40½	...	...	1.7	25.5
878	533	Wolseley	867 †	-6	...	1.9	25.9
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
46	35	Wyko	40	...	...	3.1	...
99	38	Young (H)	97 †	+3	3.3	7.2	∞

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1193½	Alex & Alex	1250	+25	...	5.3	...
2408½	1787½	Am Gen	1800	-18½	...	4.1	...
66	30	Archer (AJ)	66	+1	1.0	1.9	...
183	133	Berry Bcn Nbl▲	169	...	...	4.0	13.1
148	118	Bradstock	148	+3	5.5	4.8	∞
498	359½	Britannic	419	-5	...	3.5	...
667	556	Com Union	646	+2	...	4.7	...
1750	1225	Dom & Gen	1748	+5	...	1.6	23.1
50	18	FAI	48	...	...	...	...
741	546	Gen Accident	729	+6	26.7	4.6	...
230	160	GRE	221	+9	7.1	4.0	18.4
412	283	Heath C E	364	+1	...	5.5	...
228	151	Hogg Gp	151	...	8.1	6.7	13.7
215	162	JIB Group	169	...	...	5.5	17.3
546	408½	Legal & Gen	507	+6	...	4.8	30.8
1131	768	Liberty Life	1119	+4	...	9.5	21.8
113	99	LIMIT	113	-2	...	...	...
468	403	Lloyds Abbey	416	+2	17.3	5.2	15.0
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	287	...	6.7	3.1	16.6
395	274	Londn & Man	390	+2	14.7	5.1	26.4
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	434 †	+1	14.0	4.0	15.6
6743½	5256½	Marsh McLn	5418½	-75	...	3.3	...
130	76	Oriel	119	...	...	5.3	...
72	30½	PWS	71	...	4.0	7.0	10.3
376	282½	Prudential	359	+11½	...	4.3	23.8
379½	269½	Refuge	319 †	-4	...	4.2	8.8
347	248	Royal	320	+2	...	2.5	...
204	150	Sedgwick	190	+5	...	3.9	23.4
261	160	Steel Burrill	119	+2	...	12.6	7.0
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	67	...	3.0	5.8	∞
400	307	Sun Alliance	377	+2	14.2	4.7	...
88	50	Trade Indemnty	85	...	...	...	...
341	239	Transatlantic	340	...	12.0	4.4	31.5
773	499	Utd Friendly	553	+8	15.1	3.4	24.1
243	171	Willis Corroon	212	+2	...	3.9	45.6
25	13½	Windsor	25	...	...	...	19.6

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1888	1548	Alliance	1888	+8	45.5	3.0	41.3
283½	226½	Amer Trust	281½	+2	5.2	2.3	58.4
436	304	Ang & O'seas	436	+1	6.8	2.0	55.4
158½	124	BZW Conv	158 †	...	7.8	6.2	18.5
200	133½	Bankers	199½	+1	3.6	2.3	∞
355	264	Baring Tribne	355	+1	6.4	2.3	56.1
203	131	Berry Starq	201	...	2.2	1.4	65.4
113½	96½	Br Assets	113	...	...	4.7	26.0
89	57½	Br Empire Sec	89	...	...	1.3	75.9
33½	14	-do- Wnts	33½	+1½	...	...	...
208	156	Br Inv	207	...	4.6	2.8	46.7
211	130	Contl Asset	211	+2	2.4	1.4	70.2
195	143	Derby Inc	153	...	...	11.6	9.2
310	195	-do- Cap	310	+5	...	...	...
92	62	Drayton Blue	92 †	...	8.4	11.4	10.2
85	35	-do- Eng Intl	83	...	1.0	1.5	...
140	84	-do- Far East	138½	-1½	0.6	0.6	...
150	95	-do- Korea	150	+1	0.5	0.4	...
734	576	Dunedin Inc G	734	+1	...	4.4	33.8
100	76	-do- Japan	85	-1	...	...	...
55	34	-do- Warrants	44	-1	...	...	...
748	513	-do- Wwde	747 †	+1	9.5	1.6	∞
293	222	Dundee & Lon	293 †	+2	9.0	3.8	∞
329½	250½	Edinburgh	329½	+2	8.5	3.2	36.1
310	183	Electra Inv	310	+7	7.0	2.9	∞
197	141	Electric Gen	197	+2	3.1	2.0	60.9
115	85	English Scot	115	...	...	...	...
326	205	European Asset	326	+1	...	2.2	42.3
138	77	Fnsbury 'A'	138	...	3.0	2.7	44.4
318	248	Fleming Amer	318	+1	0.8	0.3	...
236½	100½	-do- Claver	236½	+1½	...	2.8	46.6
340	212	Do Conti	335	+1	2.7	1.0	...
214	147	-do- Entp	213½	+½	...	2.8	43.2
434	213	-do- F East	434	+5	1.1	0.3	...
356	246	-do- Fledg	356	+2	3.0	1.1	...
119	93	-do- Hi Inc	119	+1	...	4.6	20.4
260	136	-do- Japan	220	-7	...	0.3	...
300	250	-do- Merc	300 †	+2	6.7	2.8	64.2
316	212	-do- Oseas	316	+4	4.2	1.7	66.2
283	203	Foreign & Col	283	+1	...	1.5	77.1
124	59½	-do- Eng Mkts	123½	-½	0.2	0.3	∞
69½	44	-do- Enterprise	69½	...	0.4	0.8	...
233	164	-do- Eurotst	231	+3	...	0.7	...
131	87	-do- German	130	+1	0.5	0.5	...
340	191	-do- Pacific	337	+1	...	0.8	...
168½	116	-do- Smaller	168½	+1	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	247	-7	...	0.6	...
175	65	Genl Cons Cap	175	...	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	112	...	...	9.4	11.6
167	135	Govett Am Smlr	167	...	...	...	...
136	94	-do- Emg Mkt	136	+1	...	...	...
406	184	-do- Oriental	406	+4	0.9	0.3	...
286	207	-do- Strategy	281	+1	...	3.0	39.3
417	340	Greenfriar	417	...	...	1.9	62.6
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
150	124	Inv Cap	149½	+½	...	4.3	28.7
99	77	I&S UK Smllr	99	...	2.8	3.5	27.6
219	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	219	+1	5.1	3.0	∞
250	176	-do- O'seas	246	+1	3.3	1.7	69.9
142	108	-do- Smlr	138	-1	...	3.2	33.5
764	540	Law Debenture	764	+15	18.5	3.0	38.2
213	164	Majedie	213	+1	...	2.9	39.8
298½	221	Merchants	298½	+1½	...	4.6	27.7
3347½	1850	Merrill Lynch	3143½	+18½	...	...	...
554	383	Monks Inv Tst	554 †	+5	...	1.5	70.2
146	105	Morg Gren Inc	146	...	4.5	3.9	∞
55	23	Do Warrants	55	...	...	...	...
61	39	Murray Euro	61	+1	0.1	0.3	...
23½	4½	Do Wts	21	+½	...	...	...
378	282	Murray Income	377 †	...	10.9	3.6	36.0
375	265	-do- Intl	375	-1	11.6	3.9	33.8
484	263	-do- Small	484	+4	...	1.1	...
103	86½	-do- S/C Inc	99	...	...	14.9	∞
133	73	-do- S/C Cap	133	...	...	...	...
3150	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3150	...	...	4.2	∞
160	143½	-do- S/C DP	159½	-½	...	...	...
335	230	-do- Vent	335	+3½	...	4.1	27.1
93	68	Nwthrog Inc	92	...	6.7	9.3	17.0
362	249	O'seas Inv Tst	362	+3	...	1.1	...
637	285	Pacific Assets	637	+15	1.1	0.2	...
539	187	Do Warrants	539	+11	...	...	...
8350	7650	Personal Assets	8350	+50	190	2.9	49.3
174	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	174	+1	1.1	0.8	...
127	108	River & Merc	122	...	9.2	9.4	12.2
465	350	Robeco	418	...	...	3.0	...
438	346	Rolinco	425	...	...	1.8	...
288	214	St Andrew Inv	287	...	7.5	3.3	38.6
169	131	Scot American	169	+1½	...	3.4	35.7
399	136	Scott Asian	399	+13	...	...	...
1050	225	do Warrants	1050	+37	...	...	...
87	63½	-do- Eastern	87	+1	1.5	2.2	57.2
239	183	Scottish	239	+2	4.9	2.6	∞
238	178	-do- Mtge	238	+1	4.0	2.1	61.8
115	71	-do- Value	115	+½	1.8	2.0	∞
1665	1390	Second Allnce	1665	+5	...	2.9	41.9
96	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	96	+½	3.2	4.2	31.7
164	109½	Selective Asset	163½	+½	1.2	0.9	58.8
43½	14	Sphere Inv	43½	+2	3.1	8.9	14.0
187	112	TR Far East	187	+2	...	3.3	35.6
164½	126	TR City Of Lon	164	+1	...	3.7	35.7
224	110	TR Pacific	224	+4	0.3	0.1	...
39½	17	TR Property	39½	+½	0.9	2.8	41.4
134	47	TR Tech Inv	132	...	1.7	1.7	49.0
199	146	TR Smlr Cos	196	+1	...	2.4	45.3
385	283	Temple Bar	384	...	13.2	4.3	29.0
128	60	Thrmtn Asian E	128	+1	0.5	0.5	...
79	54	Throgmorton	78	+1½	2.3	3.7	31.8
550	361	Thrmg Dual Cp	550	...	...	...	...
346	178	USDC Invest	346	+1	4.5	2.3	45.3
119	76½	Value Inc Tst	118½	...	4.0	4.2	29.6
925	542	Whitbread Inv	925	+5	16.5	2.2	55.7
238½	181	Witan	238½	+2½	5.6	2.9	41.8

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
482	289	Airtours	476	-4	...	2.4	14.9
64	41	Ald Leis	41	-1	...	9.1	13.4
465	194	Anglia TV	419	+1	...	2.8	19.4
103	63	Baldwin	86	...	4.6	6.7	11.7
284	192	Barr & W 'A'	284	...	10.0	4.7	17.0
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1155	...	22.0	2.4	17.3
158	90	Border TV▲	142	...	...	3.2	12.7
16½	4	Brent Walker	6	+1	...	...	...
150	48	Bristol Scotts	120	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
202	67	Campari	69	...	8.7	15.9	...
290	171	Capital Radio	289	...	5.7	2.5	∞
898	718	Carlton Comm	898	+8	...	2.6	21.1
248	158	Castle Comm▲	246	...	...	4.3	16.3
2823	1615	Central TV	2823	+18	39.0	1.7	30.7
124	61	Chrysalis	109	+1	3.2	3.8	...
647	420	Compass Gp	647	+4	...	2.5	17.8
350	175	Eurocamp	224	+7	9.7	5.4	9.2
1180	268	Euro Disney	400	+12	...	2.9	...
8	1½	Euro Leisure	1½	...	...	...	...
38½	18	Ex-Lands	35	...	...	1.3	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	308	-6	10.5	4.4	∞
378	232	First Leisure	280	+1	8.2	2.8	19.4
673	298	GWR Gp▲	668	-2	...	1.7	∞
246	149	Grampian	228	-1	6.5	3.6	15.8
22	4½	Greenwich Comm▲	15	...	...	...	...
109	19	HTV Group	106	-2	...	...	47.1
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	62	+2	...	4.5	...
12½	5½	Kunick	10½	-½	...	...	∞
605	405	LWT Hldgs	605	+6	...	1.0	28.0
600	327	Man Utd	533	...	...	4.6	21.5
48	7½	Northern	39	...	...	...	...
148	99	Owners Abrd	80	...	3.9	6.1	6.4
77	33	The Pelican Gp	71	...	...	1.9	16.6
170	55	Prism Leisure▲	170	...	...	2.4	15.8
42	16	Quadrant Grp	36	...	...	...	...
398	224	Radio Clyde▲	395	...	...	3.1	∞
208	132	Ramsdens (H)	205	...	...	2.7	27.2
553	410	Scot TV	458	-3	10.3	2.8	22.5
68	37	Southern Radio	61	-4	1.2	2.6	∞
282	168	Stanley Leisure	282	...	4.3	1.9	22.2
10	3½	Sunleigh ▲	8	...	...	...	...
145	115	Sunset & Vine	128	...	3.5	3.4	19.5
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
2½	1	Tickering▲	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	95	-5	...	2.6	3.0
86	44	Trans Worlde	85	...	...	1.2	31.0
510	224	Ulster TV	504	...	12.0	3.0	15.5
112	62	Vardon	112	...	0.8	0.9	26.4
22	11	Wembley	16	...	...	...	...
234	110	Yorkshire TV	151	-7	12.0	9.9	4.6
120	83	Zetters Gp	113	-1	8.0	8.8	12.8

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5950	1800	Am Gold	5900	+50	...	3.7	30.0
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1568½	+6½	...	5.8	8.3
2987½	1125	Ang Am	2987½	...	...	2.2	26.4
33	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	29½	...	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	185	+7	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	34	...	...	...	∞
871	233	Buffels	816	+19	...	7.7	7.4
2½	1	Bute	2½	...	...	...	...
802	546	CRA	799	+19	...	2.5	27.5
43½	11	Cluff Res	36½	...	...	...	...
1612½	762½	De Beers	1593½	+18½	...	3.0	22.0
165	37½	Deelkraal	128	...	...	2.2	14.7
96	7	Doornfontein	67	...	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	863	+24	...	3.7	17.1
788	120	Durban	749	+11	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	150	+8	...	7.1	4.7
175	35	E Rand Prop	97	+5	...	...	...
65	16	Eastern Trans	53	...	...	4.5	11.8
604	117	Elandsrand	413	+2	...	2.9	10.1
1108	292	FS Cons	1095	+17	...	4.3	14.4
80	8	FS Dev	54	-3	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1540	+52	...	2.6	26.7
128	62½	Gencor	128	+6	...	6.8	14.5
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	58½	+1½	...	2.3	23.0
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	151	...	...	6.6	9.4
360	78	Harmony	350	+8	...	...	...
425	87	Hartles	394	-2	...	6.9	15.6
10½	8½	Inoco▲	10	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	958	+44	...	3.2	29.6
13½	6	Kenmare Res▲	11	+2½	...	...	...
1177	332	Kinross	1175	+34	...	4.8	∞
913	319	Kloof	766	+19	...	3.1	10.8
137	25	Leslie	113	...	...	9.2	∞
389	13	Loraine	326	+6	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.1	∞
116½	86	MIM	111½	-1	...	2.0	54.3
1488	820	Minorco	1441	+11	...	2.7	17.0
164½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	164½	+6½	...	2.9	27.1
2812½	812½	Orange Free	2750	+25	...	6.0	22.2
781	607	RTZ	781	+8½	...	3.1	22.1
159½	106½	Rand Mines	159½	...	...	7.0	∞
680	150	Randfontein	678	+3	...	6.0	10.2
207	115	Renison	207	+2	...	2.1	21.4
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1150	+12½	...	2.8	∞
725	191	St Helena	673	+10	...	3.5	14.4
2168	475	Southvaal	2145	+56	...	2.6	39.2
119	18	Stilfontein	86	+3	...	7.2	15.7
201	58	Unisel	150	...	...	4.4	∞
6600	1800	Vaal Reefs	6600	+137½	...	3.3	11.9
730	154	Welkom	715	+6	...	5.9	22.4
640	26	Western Areas	613	+2	...	4.2	19.6
3150	587½	Western Deep	3137½	+46½	...	1.9	15.3
309½	176	Wstrn Mining	309½	+10½	...	1.6	...
1112	323	Winkels	1085	+3	...	3.5	∞
84	49	Zambia Copper	57	...	...	...	...
66	18	Zandpan	68	...	...	6.4	22.7

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	248	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
153	78	Appleyard	135	+6	...	4.8	...
338	203	Bletchley Mtr	306	...	...	3.7	15.5
192	120	Bostrom	180	...	6.0	4.2	31.8
408	165	Br Aerospace	401	+14	7.3	3.3	...
58	19½	Burndene	48½	+½	1.7	4.6	∞
425	303	Caffyns	395 †	...	11.5	3.6	20.9
15	4½	Caverdale	14	+½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr▲	123	...	...	4.1	31.3
36	18	Cook (DC)▲	35 †	...	...	3.2	19.9
280	156	Cowie (T)	278	...	6.6	3.0	21.2
141	86	Dag Motors	136	...	5.7	5.3	24.6
195	102½	Davnprt Vern	145	...	...	3.5	18.3
330	155	ERF	314	...	2.0	0.8	...
145	92	European Mtr	137	...	...	3.4	19.3
406	208	Evans Halshaw	405	...	11.4	3.5	62.4
290	211	FR Group	237	...	...	3.8	11.0
4312½	2843½	Ford Motor	4206½	+6½	...	...	...
3756½	2143½	General Mtr	3687½	+25	...	1.4	...
75	38	Gowrings	59	-2	2.0	4.2	...
272	85	Henlys	272	+2	3.5	1.6	...
1056	769	Honda Motor	906	-25	...	1.0	...
36	15	Jacks (Wm)	36	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	86	...	4.5	6.5	...
176	97	Kwik-Fit	158	...	...	2.8	22.3
448	281	Lex Service	439	-8	...	3.2	24.0
164	85	Lookers	151	+1	6.2	5.1	...
196	126	Lucas	180	-2	...	4.6	...
27½	21	Malaya Grp	25	...	...	...	...
284	224½	Pendragon	259	+3	...	3.1	21.3
190	101½	Perry Gp	172	...	...	5.2	...
190	108	Quicks Group	155	-3	...	3.8	19.8
177	96½	Rolls-Royce	166½	-4½	...	3.8	...
223	164	T & N	200	...	...	6.8	28.5
250	163	Trinity Hldgs	258 †	...	...	2.7	24.1
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	164	...	...	3.2	22.9
253	121	Westland	249	+4	4.5	2.3	∞

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
198	103	Adscene	198	...	5.0	3.2	20.3
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
608	290	Blenheim Gp	305	...	...	3.9	11.4
370	275	Bristol	365 †	...	...	4.1	32.0
£116½	7775	Daily Mail	£115½	...	...	1.6	26.7
£116½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£114½	-25	...	1.6	26.5
355	210	Dorling Kind	299	+14	...	1.6	23.4
6025	4337½	Elsevier	6025	+125	...	1.6	20.4
415	322	EMAP	408	-6	...	2.5	25.2
1525	873	Euromoney Pb	1475 †	...	...	3.2	26.0
264	170	Harrington K	173	...	4.7	3.4	14.1
325	159½	Haynes Pub	325	...	...	2.1	18.3
363	334	Hodder H'line	340	-3	5.1	1.9	28.0
140	90	Home Counts	110	...	5.2	6.0	...
158	30	Intl Bus Comm	157	...	...	...	22.7
14	6½	Intl Cm & Data▲	13½	...	...	...	...
435	240	Independent	410	...	...	3.1	22.1
580	395	Johnstne Press	540	+1	6.5	1.5	23.4
338	243	Metal Bulletn	338	...	8.2	3.0	23.9
186	88	Mirror Gp.	170	+6	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	452	+2	...	0.3	16.7
301	169	News Intl	271	...	...	0.6	16.2
618	342	Pearson	606	...	...	2.5	12.9
675	510	Portsmth Sund	670	+1	...	1.8	18.5
862	618	Reed Int	862	+18	...	2.3	37.6
185	98	Southnews	185	...	...	1.0	34.2
171	90	Sterling Pub▲	164	...	...	2.4	19.9
469	328	Telegraph	469	+11	...	3.2	10.5
825	715	Thomson Corp	795	...	30.1	4.7	39.7
431	313	Trinity Intl	431	+7	9.0	2.6	25.8
38	21	Unit Group▲	21	...	...	...	...
635	480½	Utd Nwspapers	631	+5	...	4.2	17.6

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	23½	+½	...	...	22.9
61	33	Arcon Intl▲	37	+1	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	60	-1	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	62	...	...	...	...
16	7½	Beverley	4½	-½	...	...	44.7
223	145	Br Borneo	201	...	7.1	4.4	6.1
361½	238	British Gas	357	...	14.2	5.0	17.3
382½	225	Br Petroleum	357	+9	8.4	2.9	28.0
1	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
834	675	Burmah Castrl	827	+5	...	3.8	19.3
68	32	Cairn Energy	55	...	...	...	7.0
317	223	Calor Gp	312	...	...	4.8	17.0
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	47½	...	...	...	...
44	27	Copley Res	30	...	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	17	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	466	+1½	...	4.3	25.6
86	26	Exp Co Louis	28	...	...	...	...
34½	19½	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	4.8	8.1
10½	4	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	54	+2	1.4	3.2	10.3
48	18	Gt Western Res	31	...	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	150	+3	...	0.8	13.0
46	18½	Ken Energy	40	...	...	...	...
195	97	LASMO	116	-1	...	3.6	23.5
103	63	-do- Units	68	...	9.4	17.4	...
24	2	Mid Scot Res▲	2½	...	...	...	...
56½	34	Monument	55	...	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	-1	1.0	4.3	10.0
40	27	Oil Search	39	+1	...	...	...
19½	11½	Pentex	15	-1	...	...	...
162	99	Pict Pet	154	+1	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	22	...	...	...	8.1
168	50	Presidio	158	...	...	4.2	...
410	290	Ranger	380	...	...	5.0	...
7312½	5150	Royal Dtch Pl	7025	+25	...	4.3	17.4
4500	3600	Schlumberger	3962½	-34½	...	2.1	...
67	47	Seafield	58	...	...	...	...
727	515	Shell	718	+6	22.8	4.0	22.1
203	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	18	...	...	...	...
15½	6	Villiers Grp	14	+½	...	...	...
208	135	Woodside	183	+2	...	1.9	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
160	120	AG Holdings	160 †	+2	...	4.1	14.5
410	349	API	410 †	+18	8.2	2.5	∞
259	144	Arjo Wiggins	236	+3	...	3.4	38.1
543	408	Abbott Mead	540	...	9.5	2.2	28.4
40	13	Aegis Gp	17½	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comm▲	145	+5	...	4.2	13.2
20	7	BBB Design▲	18	...	...	...	...
430	234½	Bemrose	429	...	...	3.6	18.8
30½	7	Birkdale	8½	...	...	...	...
155	118	Bunzl	147	...	4.0	3.4	21.2
352	257	CIA Gp	347	...	...	1.6	21.9
230	93	Capital Inds	130	...	...	3.5	12.4
92	44	City of Lon▲	85 †	...	...	5.7	15.7
304	169	Cropper (James)	304	...	3.2	1.3	28.4
95	51	Delyn Group	88	...	1.6	2.4	11.8
120	94	Dolphin Pack	105	...	4.5	5.4	25.9
97	42	Dudley Jenkins▲	77	...	...	5.0	17.5
15½	10½	Elswick	14½	+½	...	2.5	16.5
74	41	Fairway Group▲	72	...	3.2	5.6	21.2
361	271	Ferguson Intl	349	...	...	4.5	15.8
137	92	Ferry Pick	137	...	...	5.1	37.0
169	74	Filofax▲	169	+2	...	1.1	21.7
20	10½	Fitch	11½	+½	...	...	...
154	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	141 †	-8	...	4.6	15.9
295	209	Gold Greenlees	206	...	8.4	5.2	18.3
41	17	Goodhead	23	...	0.0	0.3	∞
88	19	Hunterprint	35	+6	...	...	...
185	136	Interrurope	161	-1	...	6.1	11.8
278	191	Jarvis Porter	272	...	...	2.2	23.4
32	15½	Lopex	22	...	...	...	...
38½	26	MMI	35½	+½	...	...	...
346	175	More O'Ferrall	338	+5	13.2	4.9	41.5
133	48	NMC Group	117	...	2.7	2.9	18.1
233	66	Osborne & Little	230 †	...	...	2.8	23.3
525	455	Portals	498	-2	...	3.7	17.2
3½	¼	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
286	159	Quarto	281	...	...	2.6	17.3
347	270	St Ives Gp	319	...	...	2.2	21.1
186	134	Saatchi	136	-5	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	390	...	...	8.3	7.5
24	8½	Serif▲	18½	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	27½	...	...	...	...
399	294	Smith David	395	-2	...	3.2	20.7
295	206	Smurfit (Jefl)	288	+4	...	1.8	69
98	45	Somic	98 †	...	2.5	3.2	40.3
246	183	Star-Plus	210	...	8.4	5.0	18.2
28½	16½	Taylor Nelson	26½	...	0.3	1.6	22.0
123	38	VTR▲	121	+13	...	3.9	18.2
106	40	WPP	92	...	...	1.4	3.5
179	62	Wace	109	...	...	0.7	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	241	...	...	4.2	18.1
410	270	Watmough	408	+13½	...	1.8	32.0
7	3½	Westport▲	3½	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mck▲	29	...	...	...	...
94	55	Wood (SW)	94	...	...	2.0	20.0

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
116	41	Allied Lon	110	...	...	4.0	28.5
47	35	Arcadian	35	-1	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	5½	...	...	...	...
135	52	Asda	133	+1	...	2.0	14.0
152	88	Avonside	138	...	4.1	3.7	19.3
2837½	2062½	BCE▲	2250	-12½	...	...	...
670	396	Bilton	658	+2	18.9	3.6	23.8
110	23	Bourne End	97 #	...	...	1.7	...
240	150	Bradford	239	...	5.9	3.1	24.2
23	5	Bredero	12½	...	...	...	...
449	166½	Br Land	445	+7	...	2.0	40.3
250	140½	Brixton	249	...	...	4.2	19.2
91	42	Burford	91	+2	...	1.8	...
188	99	Cap & Regnl▲	188	...	...	0.8	...
230	120	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
595	196	Chesterfield	594	...	11.5	2.4	42.5
43	12	City Site Ests	37	+2	...	...	...
35	12	Clarke Nickolls	34	...	...	...	...
548	285	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	67.8
53	34	Conrad Rhlat GS	44	...	...	...	...
1460	818	Daejan	1455	...	...	2.3	[illegible]
3½	¼	Dares Estates	½	...	...	...	...
130	53	Debenhm Twsn	129	...	...	2.9	25.1
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
180	76	Dencora	175	...	3.0	2.1	...
666	263	Derwent Hldgs	664	...	8.7	1.6	...
45	10	Development Sec	33½	...	...	...	...
56	34	Dwyer	36 †	+1	...	...	...
400	170	Estates Agency	400	+5	...	2.4	47.5
27	7½	Estates Gen	19	...	...	...	...
216	132	Evans Of Leeds	215 †	+2	...	3.7	18.8
35½	11	Five Oaks	33	...	...	...	...
67	30	Fletcher King	66	+1	1.0	1.9	43.4
315	276½	Frogmore	300	-1	...	4.0	24.1
237	97	Grainger	225	...	5.2	3.0	∞
233	116½	Gr Portland	229	+1	...	4.4	21.9
18	5½	Greycoat	18	+1	...	...	...
220	101	HK Land	220	+14	...	2.9	20.0
84	35	Hambro Cntyw	75	+1	0.5	0.8	...
422	233	Hammerson	422	+6	10.0	3.0	42.7
299	127	Helical Bar	298	...	...	2.1	10.7
39	19	Hemingway	38	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	60	...	3.7	7.8	15.1
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
801	435	Land Sec	800	+5	23.1	3.6	23.9
114	73	Lon Merch Sec	108	-1	4.0	4.7	16.7
22½	8	Lon & Metro	11	...	...	...	...
565	315½	MEPC	563 †	+15	...	4.4	39.6
9	5	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
160	90	McKay Secs	160	...	3.5	2.7	22.0
7½	2½	Marchmonth	2½	...	...	...	...
81	12	Marlvale Mre	80	...	...	...	...
53	29	Moorfield Est	53	...	...	...	...
1300	775	Mountview	1200	...	22.0	2.3	12.4
174	112	Mucklow (A&J)	173	...	...	4.4	28.9
53	30	Olives Prop	53	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	Omory Est	1½	...	...	...	0.4
172	88	PSIT	165	...	4.1	3.1	32.7
361	138	Peel	360	...	4.0	1.4	...
16	4½	Power Corp	6½	...	...	...	...
48	22	Property Trust	42	+2	...	...	12.0
63	33	Raglan	41	...	...	...	...
29½	11	Regalian	29½	+½	...	...	...
140	110	Rowlinson Secs	140 †	...	1.5	1.3	17.5
50	16	St Modwen Prp	48	...	0.9	2.3	36.6
94	39	Savills	94	+4	...	1.3	37.2
112	33½	Scot Met	102	...	...	1.8	∞
118	39	Shaftesbury	117	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	11	...	...	...	5.8
289	139½	Slough Estates	289	+1	...	3.5	20.2
101	55	Southend Prop	101	+5	...	3.0	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps▲	25½	-½	...	...	...
226	114	Tops Ests	225	...	2.1	1.2	80.0
137	79	Town Centre	133	+1	...	1.2	23.8
98	43	Trafford Park	97	...	...	3.6	22.3
56	17	UK Land	30	-2	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	9½	...	...	...	...
309	180	Warner	293	...	10.4	4.4	28.8
219	168	Warnford	218	...	7.5	4.4	15.8
8	2	Westingside	2½	...	...	...	...
95	34	Wates	90	...	...	...	...
85	40	Wood John D▲	82	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
29	11	Automagic▲	29	...	...	...	...
193	84	Headlam	193	+4	...	1.9	43.6
500	285	Lambert	315	...	13.2	5.3	7.7
100	44	Pittards	61	...	1.5	3.1	17.4
30	20	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	5.7	6.1
222	89	Stylo	221	+1	...	1.7	...
66	53	UK Safety	57	...	...	5.7	1.9

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
521	408	Allied Text	509	...	12.7	3.1	16.4
69	54	Beckman (A)	56	...	3.5	8.0	∞
41	21	Bolton Gp	28	...	...	...	...
171	141	Br Mohair	171	...	8.5	6.2	16.0
53	15	Chartwell▲	38	+2	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Ga	341	...	7.5	2.8	21.3
601	468	Courtauld Text	474	...	13.9	3.7	13.0
57½	24½	Cupid▲	25	...	...	...	...
248½	130	Dawson	135 †	...	...	7.0	10.3
47	22	Drummond	35	...	...	...	...
89	65	Faupel▲	89	+5	...	6.9	13.8
34	15	Foster (John)	23	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	114	...	4.2	4.7	...
233	156	Hicking Pntcst	233 †	+5	...	2.3	16.5
90	45	Jerome (S)	67	...	...	0.4	...
422	249	Lamont	395	+1	12.0	3.8	26.1
515	353½	Leeds	502 †	...	8.5	2.1	∞
64	15	Lister	54	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	80	...	...	4.6	...
215	89	Magellan	209	...	1.4	0.8	...
214	77½	Parkland	191	-1	...	1.1	...
102½	82	Readicut	96½	+1	...	4.5	18.2
66	35	SEET	52	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	129	...	...	5.2	8.9
72	44	Stirling Gp	62 †	+3	1.9	3.8	12.2
51	36	Stoddard	36	...	...	5.2	33.5
312	250	Tomkinsons	278	...	11.5	5.2	∞
39	30½	West Trust	37	...	...	9.1	...
250	126	Yorklyde	247	...	...	2.7	16.2

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
541	407	BAT	535	+11	...	4.5	16.0

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
531	349	Assoc Br Ports	531	...	...	2.1	...
1039	707	BAA	1016	-4	...	2.0	25.2
452½	249	Br Airways	449	+5½	...	3.0	20.3
113	56	Clarkson (H)	113	...	1.7	1.9	...
528	332	Eurotunnel Uts	528	+2	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	67	...	0.5	0.9	18.0
255	147	IoM Steam	255	...	...	4.1	13.4
38	24	Jacobs (JI)	36	...	0.5	1.7	...
107	41	Lon O'Seas Frs	102	...	...	1.3	18.7
475	364	Mersey Docks	453	-2	...	2.5	20.8
271	181	Natl Express	247	-½	...	3.6	35.5
272	218	NFC	222	-½	...	3.9	17.2
343	244	Ocean Group	328	...	...	5.5	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	71	...	4.0	7.0	12.9
676	504	P & O Dfd	645	+6	...	5.9	35.1
196	127	P & O 5 1/2%	167	...	...	4.1	...
629	448	Powell Duffryn	619	+1	...	4.0	19.6
231	117	Seacon▲	231	+5	...	2.0	14.5
163	112	Stagecoach	153 †	...	...	3.1	18.0
81½	31½	TNT	75	-1	...	...	...
794	624	Tibbet & Britn	704	+3	12.6	2.0	30.4
382	37	Tiphook	55	-8	...	...	...
298	227	TDG	270	...	...	4.4	8.0

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
609	455	Anglian Water	606	+11	...	4.5	12.1
347	244	Mid Kent Hldgs	345 †	...	...	3.9	12.7
761	547	Northumbrian	757	+12	...	3.8	8.9
604	431½	North West	592 †	+4	...	4.6	9.8
632	430	Severn Trent	618 †	+4	...	4.2	9.8
670	454	Sthrn Water	664	+5	...	4.2	10.6
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1525	...	48.5	4.0	10.9
657	465	South West	649	+8	...	4.2	10.7
598	454	Thames Water	596	+10	...	4.5	11.7
775	506	Welsh Water	718 †	+3	...	4.2	7.2
719	536	Wessex Water	717	+13	...	3.7	10.8
630	473½	Yorkshire W	618 †	+2	...	4.4	10.3

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102	100	Treas 9½% 1994	100	...	8.47	5.42
109	101	Treas 14½% 1994	101	.	14.24	5.20
109	102	Exch 13½% 1994	102		13.12	5.04
109	102	Treas 10% 1994	102	.	9.77	5.25
110	104	Exch 12½% 1994	104	-	11.92	5.21
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103	.	8.69	5.00
111	107	Treas 12% 1995	107 †	+	11.18	4.99
97	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97	+	3.09	4.58
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107 †		9.50	5.07
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	113	-	11.21	5.12
120	116	Treas 14% 1996	117	-	11.93	5.17
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	-	12.49	5.23
120	115	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	-	11.23	5.26
112	108	Conv 10% 1996	112	-	8.90	5.39
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	121	-	10.88	5.50
114	110	Exch 10½% 1997	114	-	9.19	5.52
110	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	110	-	7.92	5.57
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	131	-	11.39	5.71
114	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	114 †	-	8.51	5.69
106	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	106	.	6.83	5.62
106	101	Treas 7¼% B 1998	106	+	6.83	5.64
102	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	102	...	6.61	5.76
131	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	131	-	10.65	5.86
140	133	Treas 15½% 1998	140	.	11.06	5.77
125	118	Exch 12% 1998	125	-	9.57	5.88
110	108	Treas 9½% 1999	110 †	+	8.19	5.84

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	98	Treas 6% 1999	101	+	6.05	5.77
128	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	128	-	9.55	5.95
121	112	Treas 10½% 1999	121		8.67	5.90
121	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	121	+	8.46	5.96
116	106	Conv 9% 2000	115	+	7.76	5.90
136	125	Treas 13% 2000	136	+	9.51	6.15
106	97	Treas 7% 2001	105	+	6.89	6.04
122	109	Treas 10% 2001	121	+	8.21	6.19
123	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	122	+	7.94	6.30
113	97	Treas 8% 2003	112	+	7.08	6.18
125	109	Treas 10% 2003	126	+	7.90	6.31
129	110	Treas 11½% 2001-04	129	+	8.90	6.41
85	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	85 †	+	4.09	5.32
106	97	Treas 6¾% 2004	106	+	6.46	6.16
125	105	Conv 9½% 2004	124	+	7.62	6.31
125	105	Conv 9½% 2005	125	+	7.60	6.34
143	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	142	+	8.75	6.55
111	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	111	+	7.20	6.48
112	94	Treas 7¾% 2006	111	+	6.96	6.38
135	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	135	+	8.67	6.52
119	97	Treas 8½% 2007	118	+	7.17	6.44
151	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	151	-	8.94	6.59
124	101	Treas 9% 2008	123	+	7.26	6.60

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115½	92	Treas 8% 2009	115½	+	6.95	6.48
126½	100½	Conv 9% 2011	125	-	7.15	6.51
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	126	-	7.11	6.51
93	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	93½	.	5.89	6.11
114½	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	114½ †	+	6.78	6.43
117	93	Treas 8% 2013	116	-	6.86	6.49
158	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	158	-	7.59	6.66
127	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	127	-	6.88	6.49

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
53	38½	War Ln 3½%	53	+	6.52	..
36½	27	Treas 2½%	36	+	6.79	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
130	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	130	...	...	...
204	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	203	-	0.80	1.80
113	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	119	-	1.11	1.81
179	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	179	-	2.16	2.55
172	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	171	-	2.38	2.71
117	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	116	-	2.43	2.74
182	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	182 †	-	2.50	2.74
169	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	166	-	2.67	2.80
179	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	177	-	2.74	2.93
144	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	144	-	2.77	2.94
159	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	154	-	2.82	2.99
190	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	150	-	2.87	3.02
127½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	126½ †	-	2.87	3.00
126	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	125 †	-	2.90	3.01

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 51 Belmont Rd, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1RZ 0895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	162.30	176.10*	+ 1.20	
Grofund Equity	247.60	262.00	- 0.50	1.91
Grofund Euro	197.10	210.50	+ 1.70	
Grofund Extra Bal	115.10	122.40		1.22
Grofund Gilt	63.17	65.75	- 0.43	4.41
Grofund Japan	160.20	166.60	- 4.50	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry 0203 553 231				
General Acc	535.50	569.70	- 1.90	2.16
General Inc	482.50	513.30	- 1.60	2.15
UK Growth Acc	365.50	389.00	- 0.70	2.31
UK Growth Inc	255.90	272.30	- 0.50	2.31
Higher Inc Acc	689.20	733.20	- 1.00	3.24
Higher Inc Inc	412.10	438.50	- 0.60	3.24
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	194.60	207.00	- 0.50	5.48
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	100.50	106.10	- 0.20	5.48
Nth America	259.80	277.90	- 1.20	
Far East	348.20	370.50	- 2.20	
Europe	265.90	282.90	+ 1.90	0.67
Brit Excell	74.64	79.39	+ 0.37	2.38
Brit Fndmtl Acc	104.60	111.30		4.01
Brit Fndmtls Inc	79.22	84.40	- 0.01	4.01
Global Opps	64.11	68.45	- 0.20	
Balanced Acc	55.26	58.79	- 0.11	2.18
Balanced Inc	54.77	58.27	- 0.01	2.18
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	142.00	150.60*	+ 0.90	5.31
High Inc Equity	170.90	181.80	+ 0.20	4.33
Worldwide Bond	273.90	290.10*	- 0.10	3.62
Capital Growth				
American Growth	303.10	324.10	+ 2.10	.35
Asian Pacific	387.10	411.70	+ 1.00	.33
Assets & Earnings	262.50	279.20*	+ 0.20	1.95
Comdty & Energy	117.50	125.60	- 1.50	.44
1992 Enterprise	91.51	97.87	- 0.14	1.66
Euro Capital Inc	124.10	132.70	- 0.90	.23
General	233.50	248.30	- 0.20	2.19
Japan	113.50	121.30	- 3.20	
Mastertrust	139.10	149.70	- 0.40	1.25
UK Growth Dist	128.90	137.10	- 0.20	2.09
UK Emerging Cos	130.60	138.90	+ 1.50	
Income & Growth	396.50	421.60*	- 0.30	3.11
Ethical	72.26	76.87	- 0.07	2.37
International	111.70	119.10	- 0.60	.42
Dividend & Growth	64.15	69.22	- 0.04	4.12
Global Gwth & Sec	64.27	69.37	- 0.05	2.76
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	159.20	169.70	..	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0500 833 580				
Aberdeen Portfolio	63.21	64.53	+ 0.16	0.77
Amer Inc & Growth	44.56	47.61	- 0.22	0.66
Cash	50.11	50.11*	+ 0.02	4.91
European	100.50	106.50	- 1.07	
European Income	96.21	102.20*	- 0.74	1.47
Exempt	1020.9	1073.6	- 1.60	3.56
Extra Income	53.66	56.51*	+ 0.27	4.50
Far East Emg Eco	119.90	129.50	+ 0.13	0.50
Fixed Interest	23.51	26.17*	+ 0.01	7.05
Fund Inv Tst	173.20	184.90	+ 1.60	0.92
Japan	183.20	195.20	- 4.30	
Latin American	68.60	73.17	+ 1.09	0.69
Pacific	75.64	81.01	- 0.42	0.34
Property Share	73.33	75.28	- 0.25	1.64
UK Emerging Cos	63.59	67.87	- 0.95	1.85
UK Growth	46.01	49.53	..	2.38
World Growth	76.11	81.23*	- 0.03	0.68
Ethical	65.89	70.34*	- 0.31	2.52
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	56.24	56.24*	- 0.24	7.26
ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	95.60	101.70	+ 0.69	3.29
UK Equity Growth	83.78	89.13	+ 0.67	2.65
European	65.96	70.17	+ 0.74	1.40
Nth American	67.05	71.33*	+ 0.36	1.02
Far Eastern	67.73	72.05*	- 0.69	0.28
Money	65.01	65.01	+ 0.02	4.37
Fixed Interest	74.52	79.29	- 0.13	5.88
Index Linked Gilt	70.04	74.51	+ 0.03	1.36
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 25 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 549 3232				
British Growth	69.56	74.01	+ 0.42	2.42
British Income	79.50	84.58	+ 0.21	3.18
Select Portfolio	83.80	89.14	- 0.02	..
‡ Formerly AEtna				
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	77.64	82.39	+ 0.08	1.98
Income Builder Inc	69.51	73.95*	- 0.06	2.74
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	251.60	268.90	+ 1.50	2.80
Capital	424.70	454.00	+ 3.60	1.74
Balanced	707.30	756.10*	+ 3.90	2.27
Accumulator	1294.0	1383.0	- 0.00	2.78
Income Trusts				
American Income	50.34	53.81	+ 0.33	3.07
High Income	443.30	473.80	+ 2.70	3.33
Equity Income	250.00	267.20	+ 1.50	3.23
High Yield	272.60	291.40*	+ 1.70	3.23
Govt Securities	36.14	38.14	- 0.02	4.69
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	135.10	144.40	+ 1.20	0.17
European Growth	32.77	34.76	+ 0.36	0.43
International	156.30	166.70	- 0.50	0.35
Japan	188.40	201.10*	- 3.70	0.01
Pacific	432.50	451.60*	- 0.30	0.12
Secs of America	427.80	455.30*	+ 4.80	0.54
Wwide Asset Val	46.05	49.21	- 0.20	0.16
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	555.90	594.20*	+ 4.50	2.09
Conv & Gilt	49.79	53.22	+ 0.25	3.78
Smaller Cos	169.80	181.50	+ 0.80	1.20
2nd Smaller Cos	161.00	172.10	+ 0.80	1.19
Recovery	141.30	151.00	+ 0.50	1.93
Met Min & Cdty	153.80	164.40	- 1.30	0.76
Oseas Earnings	354.70	379.10*	+ 1.80	2.13
Technology	157.10	167.90	+ 0.30	0.07
UK Special Sits	454.30	485.60	+ 1.10	2.00
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	101.60	106.50	...	1.45
Foundtn Pers Pens	65.88	68.36	...	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE 071 251 6767				
Capital	75.42	80.23	+ 0.16	1.99
International	61.73	65.67	...	0.51
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
America	305.40	322.30*	+ 0.20	..
Bond	131.30	138.10	+ 0.50	5.71
Brit Smlr Cos	95.50	101.60	...	1.00
Conv & Gen	62.94	67.17	+ 0.33	5.20
Energy	427.50	463.90*	+ 2.10	0.26
Europe	217.80	231.70*	+ 1.90	0.50
Euro Smlr Cos	95.28	101.10	+ 0.60	0.96
Income Gwth	351.60	375.20*	+ 2.80	4.10
Japan	304.60	323.90*	- 7.80	..
Pacific	121.60	129.40*	+ 0.90	0.63
UK Smlr Cos	48.45	51.54	+ 0.36	0.94
Japan Fd	699.80	719.00	- 13.30	...
Mngd Fd	179.50	191.00	- 0.80	2.54
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	295.10	310.60	...	1.14
Capital Gwth	119.30	125.60	...	2.15
Wwide Opps	197.00	207.40	...	0.46
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bstl Inv Fd Inc	359.20	374.30	+ 0.20	2.47
European Bd Inc	101.10	104.70	...	7.09
Exempt	79.16	84.44	+ 0.03	3.74
Financial	76.77	82.11*	- 0.28	2.09
500 00	450.40	480.40	+ 1.50	2.34
General	283.00	302.60	+ 0.30	2.23
Property	244.70	261.70*	...	5.66
Trustee	191.20	204.50*	+ 0.70	1.87
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.90	100.90	...	4.83
Extra Income	121.40	129.90	+ 0.10	3.94
Gilt & Fxd Int	63.88	66.02*	+ 0.23	7.54
Income	558.10	596.90	+ 0.80	3.85
Income Builder	68.76	73.15	+ 0.07	4.52
Intl Income	68.61	72.99*	+ 0.50	2.84
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	122.70	130.90	+ 0.20	2.29
Leisure	118.20	126.40	- 0.70	1.35
Recovery	417.30	446.40	- 0.12	2.37
Smllr Cos Inc	40.21	43.12	- 0.24	2.05
Special Sits	278.60	297.90	+ 0.80	1.84
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	132.80	140.90*	- 1.00	0.15
Aust Acc	240.90	256.30	- 3.90	1.47
Aust Inc	190.80	160.40*	- 2.40	1.47
Euro Gwth Inc	137.20	145.60	+ 0.90	0.43
Japan & Gen Inc	168.00	177.80	- 4.40	..
Japan Spec Sits	73.32	77.67	- 1.98	..
Univ Tech Inc	74.90	79.60	+ 0.03	0.61
Worldwide	171.10	181.60	+ 0.20	0.53
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	99.42	105.40	- 0.80	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	133.10	142.50	+ 1.40	...
Cash Trust	50.29	50.29*	+ 0.02	4.90
Convertibles	58.97	62.66*	+ 0.01	5.60
Eastern	302.10	325.60	+ 1.30	1.60
Equity Income	94.47	100.50	...	5.00
European Growth	284.70	302.40	+ 4.20	1.50
Europe	194.80	207.70*	+ 2.50	1.50
German Growth	75.28	80.10	+ 0.53	0.70
Global Bond	71.48	75.39	- 0.27	5.30
Global Growth	128.20	136.80*	+ 0.40	...
Japan Growth	197.60	212.10	- 3.30	..
Japan Sunrise	168.90	180.50	- 3.00	..
Korea Trust	65.08	69.69	- 1.37	..
Portfolio	136.50	146.00	+ 0.50	3.20
UK Growth	92.76	98.66	+ 0.19	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	88.74	97.18	+ 0.36	1.90
Select Managers	76.15	81.43	+ 0.29	2.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	76.32	81.19	...	
Special Oppor Inc	51.06	54.31	...	
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	172.40	184.40	+ 0.40	0.51
Dividend	85.50	91.44	- 0.15	4.17
Intl Gth & Inc	230.10	246.10	- 0.50	2.61
UK & Gen	46.93	50.19	- 0.56	1.29
Fund of Funds	66.07	70.66	- 0.36	..
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	109.52	117.14	- 0.02	1.55
Smaller Cos	97.07	103.82*	+ 0.14	1.03
Higher Yield	45.82	49.01	- 0.01	3.01
American Gth Inc	69.04	73.84	+ 0.69	..
European Growth	123.01	131.56	+ 1.55	0.17
Global Bond Inc	31.64	33.56*	+ 0.12	4.86
Mngd Ptfolio Inc	42.31	45.25	+ 0.21	1.06
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	70.30	71.34	+ 0.04	4.89
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 4AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	149.20	158.60*	+ 0.90	1.38
UK Growth	170.10	181.00	+ 0.30	1.74
UK Income	141.60	150.70	+ 0.30	3.70
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	192.60	204.10	- 0.40	1.77
-do- Income Dist	116.00	123.00	- 0.50	4.34
Gilt & Fxd Int	46.16	48.93	+ 0.20	5.56

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5162				
American & Gen	147.70	157.20	+ 1.80	...
European Inc	76.60	81.21	+ 0.65	0.71
Far East & Gen	64.34	68.45	- 1.68	
Smaller Cos Inc	76.19	81.06	+ 0.02	1.57
Growth	430.00	460.60	+ 0.90	2.11
Income & Growth	434.80	462.60	- 0.30	3.31
Master Portfolio	1085.0	1123.0	+ 32.00	1.93
Special Sits	98.70	105.01	+ 0.20	2.02
High Yield	1399.0	1432.0	- 1.00	3.64
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 225 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	37.44	40.04	+ 0.15	0.93
Cash Income	50.19	50.19*	+ 0.02	5.39
European Gwth	38.68	41.25	+ 0.54	0.85
Income & Gwth Inc	29.14	31.16	- 0.04	3.97
Intnl Gwth	31.25	33.42	- 0.10	0.77
Japan Gwth	25.14	26.88	- 0.77	
Managed Tst Inc	50.56	54.07	+ 0.33	0.48
Oriental Opps Inc	166.40	177.90	+ 0.60	0.35
Property Shares	43.53	46.55*	- 0.02	1.75
Smaller Cos	29.73	31.79	+ 0.30	1.66
UK Growth Tst	26.30	28.12	+ 0.09	2.68
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	74.09	79.24	- 0.16	1.62
Cap Hse UK Inc	69.91	74.76*	- 0.19	2.28
Exempt	23.59	24.26	...	
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	25.68	27.46	+ 0.24	0.39
European Acc	26.63	28.48	+ 0.25	0.39
Financial	150.30	160.70	+ 0.50	2.53
Foundation	88.54	94.69	+ 0.18	2.69
German	51.37	54.94*	+ 0.44	0.07
High Income	79.40	85.45*	- 0.80	5.91
Income	137.60	147.10	- 0.30	3.74
Intl Growth	38.16	40.70	- 0.11	0.16
Mngd Ptfolio Inc	105.40	112.70	- 1.00	1.64
Mngd Ptfolio Acc	200.50	214.40	- 1.80	1.64
Monthly Income	81.22	86.86*	+ 0.06	3.71
North American	108.00	115.50*	- 1.50	0.16
Orient	144.60	154.60	- 1.80	
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	83.59	89.41	+ 0.37	2.21
American Portfolio	90.45	96.49*	+ 0.53	1.00
European Portfolio	89.38	95.32	+ 0.92	1.01
Japanese Portfolio	61.90	65.95	- 1.82	..
Pacific Portfolio	146.27	157.29*	+ 1.04	0.71
UK Inc & Growth	75.76	81.27	+ 0.68	3.75
Utility & Bond	61.32	62.02	+ 0.39	5.91
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	65.54	72.11	+ 0.14	2.74
Global Tst	62.19	66.15	+ 0.21	0.79
Recovery Tst	70.73	75.24	- 0.07	1.75
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7867				
Intl Growth	138.83	149.90*	..	
UK Growth	105.31	114.35	..	1.12
UK Income	108.20	117.35*	..	4.15
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	92.04	97.22	...	1.72
Beck Bio-Tech	40.22	42.79*	...	
Acorn Ethical Tst	156.38	164.61*	...	1.13
City Fin Assets	72.19	75.90	+ 2.10	1.81
City Fin America	80.59	84.83	...	
City Fin Intl	74.51	78.43*	...	0.50
City Fin Japan	156.34	164.57	...	
Friars Hse Cap	276.31	290.85	+ 8.56	2.23
Friars Hse Inc	210.91	223.18*	+ 4.81	4.79
Buckley Wrld Grth	135.40	144.04	...	0.69
Fairmnt Cap Gth	140.10	147.47*	...	
-do- Inc & Gth	116.73	122.87*	...	1.61
Fairmount Intl	156.13	164.35*	...	
City Fin Pdfo Inc	62.04	66.00*	...	3.38
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	56.78	60.25	- 0.16	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	56.87	61.32	+ 0.29	..
Atlas Mngd Gwth	37.23	40.03	+ 0.06	0.14
Dragon Growth	79.76	85.30	+ 1.01	0.32
Equity High Inc	86.53	91.81*	+ 0.02	3.43
European Gwth	48.11	51.04	- 0.33	0.78
Evergreen	29.65	31.71	- 0.12	..
General Equity	86.06	91.31	+ 0.08	2.10
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	28.25	29.68	- 0.06	7.83
Japan Growth	43.75	47.21	- 1.25	..
Pedigree Gwth	50.97	54.08	+ 0.04	2.01
Ped Sm Cos Inc	30.85	32.73	+ 0.08	0.86
Retirement Inc	27.27	29.32	- 0.01	5.13
Special Sits	36.47	39.01	+ 0.10	1.85
UK & Overseas	49.96	53.01	+ 0.16	0.99
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 898 000				
Capital	66.90	71.22	+ 0.04	2.70
Income	64.18	68.64	+ 0.14	3.63
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	169.68	180.51	+ 0.54	4.90
Fixed & Convertible	47.73	50.78	+ 0.11	5.59
Monthly Inc Plus	54.01	57.46	+ 0.18	7.80
Preference Share	52.49	55.84	+ 0.11	6.81
Balanced Funds				
Managed Yield	138.54	147.38	+ 0.50	5.57
Managed Fund	69.53	73.97	+ 0.03	2.73
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	39.94	42.49	+ 0.13	1.93
UK & General	79.79	84.88	- 0.06	2.55
UK Growth	138.01	146.82	+ 0.02	1.61
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	178.71	190.12	+ 1.80	...
Far Eastern Grth	140.69	149.67	- 1.10	0.28
Global Bond	88.14	93.67	+ 0.23	5.70
Japan Growth	109.51	116.50	- 3.46	...
North Amer Gth	163.22	173.64	+ 1.54	...
Oriental Growth	88.73	94.39	+ 0.07	...
Worldwide Growth	63.04	67.06	+ 0.12	0.25
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.25	92.25	+ 0.03	4.80
Homemaker Fund	78.73	83.75	...	1.85
Quilter Fund	140.72	149.70	+ 0.07	1.99
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 940				
Growth Inc	59.65	63.45	+ 0.07	2.80
High Income	35.22	37.46	+ 0.07	4.30
Japan	32.19	34.24	- 1.31	...
Smaller Cos Inc	29.59	31.47*	+ 0.18	2.40
Smaller Cos	30.79	32.75*	+ 0.19	2.40
North American	32.17	34.22	+ 0.12	0.50
European	35.41	37.66	+ 0.25	0.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	31.78	34.07	...	4.34
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 388				
Growth	136.20	144.90	+ 0.40	2.01
Income	77.55	82.51	+ 0.39	4.15
European	57.80	61.49*	+ 0.65	0.89
Recovery	133.80	142.40	+ 0.80	1.81
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	825.50	839.40*	...	3.60
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	71.41	75.97	+ 0.19	1.63
Income	245.30	261.00	...	3.24
Smaller Cos	137.70	146.50	- 0.50	0.90
Inv Portfolio	78.69	83.72	+ 0.22	1.81
High Income Port	70.20	74.78	- 0.03	3.42
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 410 0777				
Euro Small Cos	1400.3	1429.9*	..	
Japan Small Cos	1090.2	1112.0*	..	...
UK Small Cos	1642.2	1713.6	..	...
US Small Cos	1583.7	1627.5*	..	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	182.60	192.20*	...	2.96
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	242.30	256.20	+ 1.90	1.17
New Asia	229.30	247.70	+ 1.40	0.32
Japan Growth	114.00	121.20	- 3.00	...
Jap Smllr Co	467.70	496.70	- 6.30	...
Nth Amer	244.30	258.70	+ 1.80	0.94
Shifrd Asia Pac Mr	130.00	137.60	+ 1.50	0.45
UK Inc & Grth	224.50	239.50	- 0.10	3.38
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	141.80	150.90*	- 0.30	2.28
UK High Inc Inc	157.10	167.10*	+ 0.70	5.30
UK Pref & F I Inc	64.94	68.86*	+ 0.28	6.40
Envirnmntl Opps	81.12	86.30	+ 0.09	1.42
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	120.50	128.00*	+ 1.80	0.39
Convertibles	23.83	25.33	+ 0.10	7.70
Equity Income	139.30	148.00*	+ 0.60	3.38
EuroFund	45.04	47.67	+ 0.50	0.64
Financial	50.54	53.70	+ 0.80	2.26
Growth & Inc	246.20	261.60	+ 1.00	2.87
High Dist	164.20	174.50*	+ 0.60	4.30
International	381.10	404.90	+ 3.00	0.25
Intl Income	98.77	105.40	+ 0.80	2.47
Latin American	44.15	46.91	+ 0.83	0.27
Pacific	86.67	92.09	- 0.92	0.33
Preference Share	25.84	27.46	+ 0.09	5.64
Tokyo	193.60	205.60	- 6.10	...
UK Smaller Cos	228.70	243.00	+ 1.30	0.97
ELCON LTD Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA 0689 70538				
Elcon Trust	215.90	230.60	...	...
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	199.90	212.70	...	0.44
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	75.62	79.60	+ 0.85	1.66
Far Eastern	319.03	335.82	+ 0.69	1.27
High Income	138.29	145.57*	+ 0.95	4.23
Intl Growth	117.91	124.12	+ 0.65	1.01
North American	116.22	122.34	+ 1.17	1.04
Pelican	122.69	129.15	+ 0.94	2.86
Smaller Cos	71.29	75.04*	+ 0.23	1.95
Special Sits	89.91	94.64	+ 0.73	1.82
Tst of Inv Tsts	184.19	193.88	- 0.88	2.00
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	200.04	208.38	+ 4.53	1.73
Smaller Cos Acc	346.33	360.76	+ 7.83	1.73
Recovery	48.42	50.44*	+ 0.89	2.26
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	121.78	129.36*	+ 0.66	4.83
Capital Growth	81.88	87.81	+ 0.22	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	45.41	48.44	- 0.34	0.23
High Income	50.06	53.40	- 0.16	8.30
Warrant	61.08	67.37	- 0.94	...
Zero Preference	37.07	39.07*	+ 0.02	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 787				
Family Asset Tst	73.41	78.09	...	2.60
Family Income Tst	51.08	54.33	...	6.00
Family Trust	79.68	84.76	...	1.70
United Charities	249.60	264.40	...	3.50

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	5.00
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	25.21	26.37	+ 0.02	3.10
-do- Europe	26.77	28.10	- 0.02	4.89
-do- America	23.86	25.14	+ 0.08	0.51
-do- Acc Japan	28.01	29.53	- 0.10	0.75
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	32.05	32.33*	+ 0.04	6.17
Intl Bond	32.84	34.24	+ 0.10	4.67
Income Funds				
High Income	28.29	29.77*	+ 0.16	4.80
Income Plus	123.10	130.90*	+ 1.00	3.31
Amer Eq Inc	47.08	50.87	+ 0.35	0.92
European Income	42.83	45.54	+ 0.37	2.51
Far East Inc	66.58	71.63*	+ 1.42	2.29
Global Convertible	24.39	26.02*	+ 0.12	2.23
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	70.18	74.86	- 0.49	..
American	230.10	244.00	+ 1.10	..
Amer Spec Sits	108.10	115.40	+ 0.70	..
Japan Smaller Cos	36.80	39.35	- 0.72	..
European	150.40	160.00	+ 1.10	..
European Opps	56.88	60.48	+ 0.26	..
UK Growth	86.15	91.61	+ 0.09	..
Growth & Inc	156.20	168.30	+ 0.50	2.94
Intl PEP	35.14	37.37	+ 0.05	..
Japan Spec Sits	80.71	86.01	- 2.19	..
Japan	171.20	182.90	- 5.70	..
Managed Intl	256.40	273.80	+ 0.40	..
Moneybuilder	49.91	53.24	+ 0.05	..
Recovery	40.80	43.39	+ 0.06	..
South E Asia	171.50	180.00	+ 1.50	..
Special Sits	484.80	515.50	+ 2.40	..
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	114.00	120.10	...	3.00
UK Reverse Index	72.15	76.22	+ 0.12	4.93
Europe Index	116.70	122.00	+ 0.70	4.32
-do- Reverse Index	68.48	72.76	- 0.75	7.48
America Index	102.80	108.20	+ 0.50	0.80
-do- Reverse Index	94.29	99.52	- 0.46	0.97
Japan Index	116.50	122.60	- 5.50	1.01
-do- Reverse Index	104.50	110.20	+ 4.70	1.44
Cash Accum Units	103.79	103.79	+ 0.03	5.00
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2208				
Balanced	138.00	140.90	...	2.15
Inc Ptfolio	60.58	62.39*	- 0.11	3.46
Cap Ptfolio	151.00	154.00	+ 0.20	0.58
General Opps	128.80	130.60	...	3.29
Growth Inc	32.01	32.62*	- 0.07	2.06
Private Portfolio	418.80	425.30	...	1.44
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Adsale, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	109.81	116.10	+ 1.00	0.34
Far Eastern	165.30	176.90	- 2.00	..
High Income	23.90	25.43	...	10.00
Oseas Income	99.90	106.70*	+ 0.70	2.88
UK Growth	111.20	119.50	+ 0.40	0.79
UK Income	110.40	118.10*	- 0.10	5.06
US Smaller Cos	283.30	303.00	- 0.50	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	51.12	54.38*	+ 0.03	3.82
-do- Inv Tst Inc	76.69	81.58	+ 0.38	3.80
Intl Growth	71.29	75.84*	...	1.19
Investment Trust	88.47	94.12	+ 0.39	0.23
UK Smaller Cos	78.31	83.31	+ 0.05	1.32
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	54.97	58.73	+ 0.30	...
(Accum Units)	54.97	58.73	+ 0.30	...
Amer Smllr Cos	480.60	513.90	+ 2.70	...
(Accum Units)	490.90	524.00	+ 2.70	...
Capital Tst	301.40	320.20	+ 1.60	1.83
(Accum Units)	423.70	450.60	+ 2.30	1.83
Conti Smllr Cos	54.78	58.65	+ 0.23	0.67
(Accum Units)	57.27	61.31	+ 0.24	0.67
Convertible	134.20	142.70	+ 0.20	5.30
(Accum Units)	260.00	276.50	+ 0.40	5.30
Emerging Markets	80.02	85.49*	+ 0.06	...
(Accum Units)	80.11	85.58*	+ 0.06	...
European	112.80	120.40	+ 1.30	0.33
(Accum Units)	117.80	125.50	+ 1.40	0.33
Extra Income	332.70	353.80	+ 0.60	3.42
(Accum Units)	476.50	506.80	+ 0.90	3.42
Financial	125.10	134.30	+ 0.50	0.34
(Accum Units)	131.00	140.60	+ 0.60	0.34
Gilt Trust	73.01	75.27	+ 0.27	5.32
(Accum Units)	96.66	99.66	+ 0.37	5.32
Health Fund Inc	134.00	143.10	+ 1.10	...
(Accum Units)	134.00	143.10	+ 1.10	...
Income & Growth	200.20	212.90*	+ 0.50	3.31
(Accum Units)	290.00	308.40*	+ 0.80	3.31
Intl Growth	359.00	383.30	- 0.30	...
(Accum Units)	398.60	425.60	- 0.40	...
Japan & Gen	177.80	190.30	- 3.40	...
(Accum Units)	179.50	192.20	- 3.40	...
Managed Port Inc	103.70	109.10	+ 0.20	0.70
(Accum Units)	109.00	114.70	+ 0.20	0.70
Monthly Income	166.80	177.40	+ 0.70	3.59
Quarterly Income	56.58	60.18	+ 0.07	5.12
(Accum Units)	57.87	61.55	+ 0.08	5.12
Recovery	327.90	350.20	- 0.10	0.21
(Accum Units)	384.80	411.50	...	0.21
UK Growth	53.33	56.90	+ 0.05	2.44
(Accum Units)	53.33	56.90	+ 0.05	2.44
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622				
FP Equity Dist	398.67	424.12*	+ 0.25	2.32
-do- Accum	822.42	874.92*	+ 0.52	2.32
FP Euro Gth Dist	127.02	135.13	+ 1.11	0.66
-do- Accum	131.92	140.34	+ 1.16	0.66
FP Fixed Int Dist	147.63	156.16*	+ 0.73	5.30
-do- Accum	256.72	220.49*	+ 1.27	5.30
FP Intl Gth Dist	89.49	95.20*	- 0.05	0.61
-do- Accum	93.04	98.98*	- 0.06	0.61
FP Nth Amer Dist	187.87	199.07	- 1.36	0.65
-do- Accum	204.74	216.89	- 1.48	0.65
FP Pac Basin Dist	306.72	326.30	- 1.67	0.01
-do- Accum	312.58	332.53	- 1.70	0.01
Stewardship Dist	337.86	359.43*	+ 0.24	1.72
-do- Accum	405.53	431.42*	+ 0.28	1.72
Stwrdship Inc Dist	72.52	77.16*	+ 0.13	3.17
-do- Accum	90.91	96.71*	+ 0.16	3.17
N Am Stship Dist	100.85	107.29	- 0.55	0.40
-do- Accum	106.69	113.50	- 0.59	0.40
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD PO Box 257, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	243.80	257.80*	- 0.30	1.90
Cash	49.52	50.26*	+ 0.02	4.35
Growth Portfolio	85.45	90.57	+ 0.25	0.33
Income Portfolio	72.21	76.36*	+ 0.48	3.26
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	150.30	160.80	+ 0.90	...
European	489.50	521.90	+ 2.90	1.38
Far East & Gen	264.10	282.10*	- 4.40	..
Germany	122.60	130.40	+ 0.80	..
Global Assets Inc	81.41	85.98	- 0.07	0.88
Income Inc	148.10	158.40	+ 0.20	4.98
International	325.00	346.80	- 1.20	0.68
Intl Income	86.35	91.69*	+ 0.85	3.85
Japan & General	400.40	425.90	- 8.10	..
Korean Securities	63.58	67.83	- 2.23	0.19
Smllr Cos Div Inc	47.63	50.95	- 0.07	5.70
UK Capital (Inc)	176.20	188.50	- 0.50	1.86
UK Spec Sits	85.54	91.49	- 0.19	0.36
US & General	131.00	139.40	- 1.50	...
Wwide Spec Sits	151.80	161.50	- 0.40	0.10
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	51.63	55.31	+ 0.02	1.92
Cash Trust	131.54	131.54*	+ 0.03	5.75
Practical Inv Inc	116.69	124.80	- 0.15	3.53
UK Index	151.18	153.83	- 0.03	2.81
UK Smaller Cos	108.03	115.54	+ 0.24	1.49
Income Funds				
Preference Share	28.27	30.24	+ 0.06	8.37
High Income	36.36	38.89*	+ 0.05	4.47
UK Equity Income	147.80	158.07	...	3.38
Global Bond	30.69	31.79*	+ 0.09	4.59
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	62.63	66.98	+ 0.77	..
Global Inc & Gth	137.37	146.34	+ 0.34	1.50
Gold & Intl Res	114.81	122.79	+ 0.42	0.56
Global Utilities	136.60	146.05*	+ 0.01	0.68
Overseas Funds				
American	138.28	141.79	+ 1.06	0.49
European	94.45	99.90	+ 0.89	0.90
Euro Sel Opps	119.51	126.91	+ 1.10	0.22
Amer Emerging	97.19	103.95*	+ 0.82	..
Hong Kong	183.38	196.13	+ 4.75	0.85
Japan	214.09	227.69	- 5.30	...
Pacific Growth	242.39	259.24	- 0.30	..
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	212.93	212.93	+ 0.41	1.78
Long Term Bal	233.53	233.53	- 0.12	2.10
Med Term Bal	199.25	199.25	+ 0.60	2.43
UK Equity	236.81	236.81*	- 0.02	1.43
UK Emerging Cos	133.71	133.71*	+ 0.67	2.01
American	231.62	231.62	+ 1.71	1.22
Japan	122.03	122.03	- 3.23	...
European	241.04	241.04	+ 3.34	1.02
Index Linked Gilt	177.27	177.27*	+ 0.31	2.80
Fixed Interest	172.31	172.31*	+ 0.85	6.01
Amer Emerging	251.38	251.38	+ 1.49	...
Pacific	264.64	264.64*	+ 0.96	0.54
Emerging Mkts	187.51	187.51	+ 1.63	...
Index Strat Japan	140.07	140.07	...	0.26
-do- Pacific Rim	208.91	208.91	...	1.27
-do- Conti Europe	139.17	139.17	...	1.73
Index Strat USA	130.44	130.44	...	2.13
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	100.78	107.21	+ 0.20	...
Med Term Bal	94.62	100.88	+ 0.24	...
Long Term Bal	105.31	112.03	+ 0.26	...
UK Equity	109.38	116.36	- 0.01	...
UK Emerging Cos	62.72	66.72	+ 0.33	...
American	107.73	114.61	+ 0.84	...
Japan	58.78	62.53	- 1.06	..
European	100.66	107.09	+ 0.97	..
Fixed Interest	86.27	91.78	+ 0.45	...
Index Linked Gilt	78.54	83.55	+ 0.15	...
Deposit	76.30	81.17	+ 0.02	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Inv Gth	124.62	131.18	+ 0.30	..
Berkeley Income	114.73	120.77	+ 0.44	2.11
BWH Intl	136.40	143.58*	+ 0.40	0.59
Brcliff Gth Port Inc	60.87	64.34*	+ 0.27	2.90
-do- Inc Port Inc	59.87	63.19	+ 0.28	3.75
-do- Wwide Port	52.48	55.39	+ 0.08	1.09
Shaw Utilities	59.92	63.24*	- 0.11	3.37
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533				
Inv Opportunities	135.50	143.10*	...	..
Higher Income	122.90	129.50	...	3.15
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
$ Intl Inc	547.65	582.61	...	0.09
European Inc	139.63	148.54	...	1.84
Amalgam Inc	142.30	150.67	...	0.39
N America Inc	311.27	331.14	...	..
Far East Inc	327.66	348.58	...	0.20
UK Divid Inc	155.27	165.18	...	1.27
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	91.22	95.93*	- 0.25	4.02
UK Small Cos	47.03	50.30	- 1.51	1.10
British Growth	57.16	60.28	- 0.14	2.14
American Gwth	152.08	162.65	+ 1.80	...
Japan Gwth	76.21	81.45	- 1.73	...
Greater China	209.15	223.69	+ 0.07	0.98
Pacific Strategy	176.09	188.33	- 0.78	0.15
European Gwth	77.07	82.40	+ 0.58	0.52
Intl Growth	151.86	162.42*	+ 0.50	0.24
US Index (£)	13.728	14.465	+ 0.075	1.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	76.63	81.09	+ 0.15	2.15
Monthly Income	47.42	50.35*	- 0.13	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
UK Index (£)	13.263	13.823	+ 0.155	4.40
Euro Index (£)	12.806	13.401	+ 0.144	4.50
Japan Index (£)	9.7609	10.216	- 0.437	1.85
US Index (£)	14.458	15.128	+ 0.083	1.50
Cash (£)	9.5515	9.5993	+ 0.002	5.10
UK Bear (£)	7.1624	7.4896	- 0.083	4.40
European Bear (£)	7.8017	8.1976	- 0.135	4.50
Japan Bear (£)	13.385	14.009	+ 0.485	1.85
US Bear (£)	9.2277	9.6537	+ 0.052	1.50
Dollar Bull (£)	15.952	16.695	- 0.127	1.50
Dollar Bear (£)	7.0447	7.3657	- 0.027	4.40

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Gilt Bull (£)	12.111	12.161	+ 0.020	4.40
Gilt Bear (£)	6.9214	7.2390	- 0.019	4.40
Dollar Cash (£)	10.680	10.734	+ 0.038	1.90
Grd UK Index (£)	12.636	13.310	+ 0.046	4.40
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071-488 1212				
Small Cos	87.63	92.39	..	1.39
Bridge Income	276.45	291.10*	..	4.97
GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 512 9648				
Cash	133.70	133.70	...	4.74
European	421.30	452.80*	+ 3.30	0.12
Gilt & Fixed	141.80	150.50	+ 0.90	4.51
Growth Equity	335.30	358.20*	+ 1.20	1.82
Income Trust	128.80	137.60*	+ 0.10	2.92
International	179.60	191.80	- 0.20	..
Japan Trust	116.50	124.40	- 4.00	..
Nth American	271.70	290.20	+ 2.40	0.26
Pacific	614.80	656.80	- 1.00	..
Gtanstill	487.10	520.20	+ 0.90	1.98
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	113.40	117.62*	+ 0.18	2.68
Global High Inc	119.16	123.62	+ 0.16	7.85
Prem Fixed Int	120.41	125.00	+ 0.34	7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc	107.41	114.21	+ 0.73	5.50
European Growth	92.48	98.31	+ 1.07	..
Intl PEP Trust	58.42	62.57	+ 0.31	..
High Income	120.08	127.67*	+ 0.71	3.33
Recovery	346.80	368.80*	+ 1.90	3.47
St Vinc High Inc	134.80	138.82	+ 0.17	7.57
Tmp Bar Emer Co	219.20	233.10*	+ 0.70	2.86
Tmp Br Sm Co In	327.00	333.70	+ 1.20	3.10
HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838 868				
Global Advtg Inc	40.02	42.43	+ 0.30	1.35
Income Advtg Inc	33.98	36.02*	+ 0.20	3.31
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Ptflio	204.00	216.40*	+ 0.30	2.35
Smaller Cos	32.20	34.26	+ 0.13	1.61
HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	277.83	297.27	- 0.59	1.45
Best of British	63.97	68.39*	- 0.07	2.07
UK Smaller Cos	115.19	123.82	+ 0.44	1.11
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	272.27	289.96*	- 0.50	2.96
High Income	326.17	348.62	+ 0.22	3.86
Extra Income	297.93	317.17*	+ 0.36	3.99
Pref & Gilt	50.43	54.21	+ 0.01	7.49
International				
International	262.58	280.62	+ 0.79	0.25
Global Bond	90.74	63.55*	+ 0.24	6.15
Family of Funds	80.32	85.86	+ 0.50	0.30
Global Tech	142.44	152.34*	+ 0.12	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	191.27	204.53	- 1.29	
European	441.96	467.90	+ 4.13	0.28
European Income	82.32	87.02	+ 0.69	2.33
Euro Smlr Cos	137.34	146.15	+ 0.58	0.28
Eur Sp Sits	57.32	61.02	+ 0.24	0.19
Japan Trust	200.68	213.78	- 4.91	..
Japan Special Sits	228.87	241.61	- 4.23	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	271.60	288.93	+ 0.15	0.06
North American	234.99	250.33	+ 2.11	...
American Smaller	106.19	113.51	+ 1.38	..
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	56.42	59.80	+ 0.73	...
Eur Sp Sits	49.21	52.16	+ 0.29	...
General Growth	42.43	44.97	- 0.06	...
Global Tech	55.74	59.08	+ 0.04	...
Income Growth	40.98	43.94	- 0.08	..
Japan Growth	24.54	26.01	- 0.59	...
Overseas Growth	38.33	40.62	+ 0.10	...
Smaller Cos	20.27	21.48	+ 0.10	...
Special Opps	26.70	28.30	+ 0.11	...
Sterling Liquidity	...	...	...	
Wwide Sp Sits	47.85	50.72	+ 0.13	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	101.80	108.80*	+ 0.80	1.81
Capital	177.00	189.20	+ 1.40	1.62
Dollar	334.60	357.80	+ 3.80	0.01
European	231.00	247.00	- 3.60	0.44
Far East	339.80	363.40*	+ 0.30	0.23
Financial	853.80	912.00	+ 4.70	1.32
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.20	30.33	+ 0.10	6.80
High Yield	114.20	122.10*	+ 0.20	4.02
Income & Growth	154.60	165.20*	+ 0.40	2.94
International	243.20	260.10	+ 2.10	0.06
Japanese General	179.20	191.60*	- 5.60	..
Japan Tech	66.38	70.99	- 2.12	..
Nat Resources	71.60	76.57	+ 0.54	0.47
Portfolio	74.40	79.57	+ 0.73	1.74
Security	337.40	360.80	+ 3.00	1.79
Smaller Cos	125.70	134.40	- 3.50	1.31
Special Sits	152.70	163.20	- 0.20	1.35
UK Emerging Cos	80.84	86.45	- 1.36	0.31
US Smaller Cos	74.59	79.77	+ 0.83	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Dlg: 071 955 5050 Enq: 0800 181 890				
James Capel Unit Trusts Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 181 890				
Index Funds				
American Index	202.60	216.10	+ 1.50	1.18
Eurotrack 100	154.00	163.40	+ 1.40	0.98
Footsie Fund	121.10	127.90*	...	2.51
Japan Index	73.51	78.35	- 2.67	0.14
Tiger Index	216.90	231.50	- 2.20	0.42
Triple Index	111.50	119.00	- 1.20	1.84
UK Index	143.10	152.70	...	2.60
Active Funds				
American Growth	470.90	502.60	+ 3.40	0.16
Capital	608.20	649.20	+ 1.30	2.07
European Growth	101.70	108.00*	+ 1.10	0.30
Far East Growth	59.24	63.22*	+ 0.05	...
Global Bond	24.70	26.04	+ 0.06	5.44
Hong Kong Gwth	132.50	141.40	+ 3.30	0.48
Income	588.10	627.60	+ 0.20	3.55
Intl Growth	77.71	82.78	- 0.31	0.10
Japan Growth	254.70	271.80	- 9.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	32.87	34.99	- 0.59	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	84.24	89.90*	- 0.13	...
Midland Unit Trusts Dealing 0742 529020 Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	61.59	65.87	- 0.02	2.53
(Accum Units)	63.32	67.72	- 0.02	2.53
British Tst	87.43	93.51*	+ 0.02	1.81
(Accum Units)	98.93*	105.80	...	1.81
European Growth	201.70	215.60*	...	0.43
(Accum Units)	254.70	272.30*	...	0.43
Extra High Inc	76.67	82.00	- 0.66	5.49
(Accum Units)	138.70	148.30	- 1.20	5.49
FT-SE 100 Index	55.39	58.55	- 0.05	2.30
(Accum Units)	55.40	59.25	...	2.31
Gilt & Fxd Int	61.18	63.69*	+ 0.27	6.06
(Accum Units)	167.60	174.50*	+ 0.70	6.06
High Yield	245.30	262.40	+ 0.60	4.42
(Accum Units)	588.90	629.80	+ 1.40	4.42
Income	315.40	337.30	+ 0.80	2.55
(Accum Units)	666.80	713.10	+ 1.70	2.55
Japan Growth	320.10	342.40	- 12.10	...
(Accum Units)	337.80	361.20	- 12.90	...
Mandarin Tst	137.40	146.90	+ 1.40	0.60
(Accum Units)	143.70	153.60	+ 1.40	0.60
Money Market UT	49.42	49.42	+ 0.02	4.62
(Accum Units)	74.26	74.26	+ 0.03	4.62
North American	180.70	193.30*	+ 1.60	0.43
(Accum Units)	228.50	244.30*	+ 1.90	0.43
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	102.20	108.70	...	1.81
European Growth	97.10	103.30	+ 0.60	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	89.88	95.41	+ 0.40	5.82
Income	88.90	94.57	- 0.23	2.79
Japan Growth	47.91	50.97	- 1.78	..
Managed	68.22	72.57	- 0.01	2.42
Money Market	82.35	87.29	+ 0.04	4.60
North American	87.63	93.22	+ 1.04	0.48
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	92.83	98.76	+ 0.01	1.79
European Growth	91.38	97.21	+ 0.53	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	85.67	90.93	+ 0.38	5.78
Income	87.36	92.94	- 0.22	2.76
Japan Growth	47.85	50.90	- 1.76	...
Managed	65.27	69.44	...	2.39
Money Market	76.13	80.69	+ 0.03	4.55
North American	79.84	84.94	+ 0.92	0.57
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	93.20	99.15	+ 0.01	1.77
European Growth	89.20	94.89	+ 0.51	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.56	84.45	+ 0.35	5.84
Income	86.92	92.47	+ 0.21	2.76
Japan Growth	48.97	52.10	- 1.80	..
Managed	68.63	73.01	...	2.38
Money Market	71.63	75.93	+ 0.03	4.58
North American	88.53	94.18	+ 1.03	0.44
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	72.12	76.62*	+ 0.33	0.55
Smaller Cos	28.31	30.26	+ 0.14	1.66
Special Features	32.13	34.13	- 0.09	1.47
(Accum Units)	38.30	40.69	+ 0.12	1.47
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	80.19	85.20	+ 0.25	1.85
Accum Units	95.70	101.60	+ 0.30	1.85
General Equities	77.21	82.03	+ 0.14	2.59
Great British Cos	53.72	57.42	- 0.03	1.88
Managed Invest	99.08	105.60	- 0.30	1.00
PEP Managed	72.12	76.97*	+ 0.06	2.03
Rupert Child Tst	85.87	91.49	+ 0.18	1.82
UK Growth	61.54	65.79*	+ 0.09	1.73
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.64	50.64	..	3.98
Cashbox (Acc)	57.09	57.09	..	3.98
Extra Income	92.99	99.33	+ 0.23	4.37
Gilt	30.70	32.35*	+ 0.15	5.70
Income & Growth	43.86	46.78	+ 0.07	3.23
Minstar Gilt & FI	81.97	84.83	+ 0.31	7.09
Preference Shares	19.29	20.49*	+ 0.03	6.21
UK Income	360.00	384.30	+ 0.20	2.89
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	69.85	74.21*	+ 0.24	0.78
Property Shares	83.19	89.42	+ 0.97	1.29
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	51.13	54.33	+ 0.36	0.84
US Smaller Cos	117.40	124.70	...	..
(Accum Units)	118.70	126.10	...	..
Europe Perf	137.60	145.70	+ 1.10	..
(Accum Units)	142.20	150.60	+ 1.10	...
Euro Smaller Cos	25.82	27.39	+ 0.28	...
French Growth	77.84	82.51	+ 1.12	0.01
Accum Units	83.17	88.15	+ 1.20	0.01
H Kong & China	109.20	116.00	+ 0.80	0.39
Intl Growth	56.54	60.07	+ 0.01	0.25
Accum Units	56.83	60.38	+ 0.01	0.25
Japan Perf	31.21	33.12	- 1.03	..
Accum Units	31.21	33.12	- 1.03	..
Japan Smaller Cos	36.87	39.14	- 0.66	..
Singapore ASEAN	123.30	130.90	+ 0.10	...
Accum Units	124.10	131.80	...	...
SE Asia	348.70	370.40	- 0.50	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	94.01	100.30*	+ 0.38	2.02
Intl Bond	60.32	61.14	+ 0.15	5.23
JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	178.20	189.60	+ 1.50	...
Income	146.92	156.30	+ 0.48	4.06
Res & General	152.00	162.60	+ 1.00	...
UK Growth	52.30	55.64	+ 0.25	1.73
International	82.65	87.92	+ 0.55	0.94
Ecology	82.94	88.24	+ 1.08	0.59
European	108.29	115.21	+ 0.81	...
Far Eastern	377.30	401.40	- 0.60	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 Dealers: 071 956 7354 Admin: 071 956 6600				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	79.61	83.42*	- 0.97	6.15
(Accum Units)	83.02	88.32	- 1.36	6.15
Gilt Yield	128.10	136.20*	- 0.50	6.31
(Accum Units)	377.20	398.20	+ 1.40	6.51
Global Income	235.90	251.00*	+ 1.30	3.44
(Accum Units)	521.00	554.20	+ 3.10	3.44
High Yield	154.40	164.30	- 0.74	5.19
(Accum Units)	440.10	468.20	- 2.21	5.19
Smllr Cos Div	55.31	58.84*	- 0.16	3.36
(Accum Units)	69.13	73.54	+ 0.19	3.36
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	95.79	101.90	+ 0.60	...
(Accum Units)	99.08	105.40	+ 0.60	...
North American	78.05	83.03*	+ 0.75	0.30
(Accum Units)	95.69	101.80*	+ 0.90	0.30
European Special	87.68	93.28	+ 0.73	1.34

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	97.95	+ 0.75	1.24
European	149.70	158.20	+ 1.41	1.24
(Accum Units)	194.70	207.10	+ 1.90	1.21
General	296.00	314.90	+ 1.60	2.51
(Accum Units)	486.20	517.20	+ 2.51	2.51
Japan	396.80	421.00	- 10.40	
(Accum Units)	399.20	424.70	- 11.10	
Japanese Special	223.90	236.20	- 2.10	
(Accum Units)	225.00	239.40	- 2.10	
Master Accum	246.90	262.30	+ 0.80	0.62
Pacific	346.50	368.40	- 1.90	0.40
(Accum Units)	408.30	432.20	- 2.43	0.40
Smaller Cos	107.70	114.60*	+ 0.42	1.01
(Accum Units)	146.00	155.31	+ 0.60	1.01
UK Equity Growth	41.12	43.74	+ 0.23	1.60
(Accum Units)	76.52	81.40	+ 0.44	1.60
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA 071 629 1683				
High Income (Inc)	57.46	61.12	+ 0.03	4.40
Global Growth PEP	60.02	63.45	+ 0.05	..
Inv Trust PEP	49.96	53.14	+ 0.45	
Higher Plus Invest	54.79	58.29	+ 0.20	
LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	87.21	92.80	+ 0.60	0.85
Extra Income	26.92	28.64	+ 0.07	3.37
Far East	31.92	33.85	- 0.45	0.26
Income & Gwth	61.25	66.44	- 0.12	2.51
Intl Growth	58.61	62.35	- 0.09	0.55
Japan	62.14	66.11	- 1.61	
Maximum Dist	100.60	102.60	...	6.77
Nth Amer Equity	40.80	43.40	+ 0.250	0.20
UK Equity	96.92	103.00	.	2.24
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	641.50	654.60	...	4.95
Intl & General	421.60	430.20	...	0.60
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	59.44	63.23	+ 0.22	3.95
Smaller Cos	50.60	53.55	- 0.20	0.93
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 633				
Growth Trust	251.60	268.57*	- 0.60	1.80
High Income	118.60	126.30	- 0.20	3.58
International	92.04	97.91	+ 0.10	0.22
Recovery Trust	91.95	95.36*	- 0.25	1.63
European Trust	77.37	82.31	+ 0.15	1.09
Japanese Trust	41.41	44.05	- 1.50	..
American Trust	78.11	83.15	+ 0.76	..
Managed	66.04	70.89	+ 0.01	0.54
Cash	51.38	51.38	+ 0.02	4.91
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0946				
UK Cap	362.20	367.80	...	2.66
UK IncrGth	399.10	405.20	...	1.09
UK Income	283.90	288.80*	...	3.47
UK Sm Cos	232.00	241.10	...	1.67
Euro Gwth	114.00	114.90	...	0.33
N Amer Gwth	79.28	81.23	...	0.11
Jap & Pac Gth	81.22	82.30	...	
Money Mkt	116.75	116.75	...	2.360
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	486.70	517.80	+ 0.50	2.25
Equity Income	106.40	113.20	+ 0.30	3.27
UK Tactical Allocn	59.31	62.98*	- 0.14	3.78
European	111.50	118.60	+ 0.90	0.90
Far Eastern	236.40	251.50	- 2.10	..
Fixed Interest	58.69	62.31*	+ 0.19	6.21
Gilt	102.00	108.20	+ 0.60	5.90
Global Growth	78.25	83.24*	- 0.21	0.14
Intl Bond	58.02	61.64	+ 0.11	4.56
Japanese	68.26	72.62*	- 1.89	...
North American	151.60	161.30	+ 1.00	0.29
Pacific Growth	133.10	141.60	+ 0.20	0.32
UK Index	64.53	68.11	+ 0.05	2.69
UK Recovery	90.72	96.51	- 0.62	1.77
UK Smaller Cos	116.50	123.90*	- 0.50	1.12
US Index	60.17	61.50*	+ 0.55	1.73
European Index	71.18	75.12	+ 0.58	1.41
Japan Index	38.29	40.41	- 1.43	...
Worldwide	85.29	90.73*	+ 0.02	1.34
LINCOLN NATIONAL FD MGRS LTD 1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 622				
Growth	50.20	53.69	- 0.06	3.11
Income	62.03	66.34	- 0.09	3.54
Far East	56.91	60.87	- 0.54	...
North American	98.81	104.10	+ 1.20	...
Global	99.11	106.00	+ 0.10	0.65
European	84.43	90.20	+ 0.35	0.86
Japan	104.70	112.00	- 3.20	..
Intl Currency Bd	60.80	64.47	+ 0.12	5.90
SE Asia	132.80	142.00	- 1.10	0.67
UK Capital Growth	93.43	99.92	+ 0.05	1.91
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	355.80	378.60	+ 0.60	2.44
-do- Acc	789.80	840.30	+ 1.30	2.44
Cont Euro Gth	59.71	62.86	+ 0.50	0.76
-do- Acc	63.61	66.96	+ 0.53	0.76
Extra Inc	269.20	286.50*	+ 4.70	3.52
-do- Acc	675.20	718.40	+ 12.10	3.52
German Gth	123.20	129.80	+ 1.50	..
-do- Acc	129.20	136.10	+ 1.60	..
Growth Port	548.30	583.40	+ 0.90	0.04
-do- Acc	553.00	588.40	+ 0.90	0.04
Income	506.40	538.80	+ 1.00	3.25
-do- Acc	1321.0	1406.0	+ 3.00	3.25
Income Port	533.60	567.70	+ 1.20	3.71
-do- Acc	547.40	582.40	+ 1.20	3.71
Japan Growth	94.70	100.80	- 2.50	...
-do- Acc	95.03	101.10	- 2.60	...
Master Trust	59.48	63.28	+ 0.11	0.95
-do- Acc	65.48	69.67	+ 0.12	0.95
N American Gen	196.10	208.70	+ 1.40	...
-do- Acc	226.50	241.00	+ 1.70	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	145.50	154.80	+ 2.00	...
-do- Acc	148.50	158.00	+ 2.00	...
Pacific Basin	311.60	331.50	+ 5.30	0.28
-do- Acc	329.20	350.30	+ 5.60	0.28
Small Cos Rec	332.70	350.30	+ 1.00	2.17
-do- Acc	457.00	460.00	+ 1.10	2.17
UK Growth	88.81	94.48	+ 0.19	1.87
-do- Acc	104.60	111.30	+ 0.20	1.87
Worldwide Gth	326.90	347.80	- 0.50	0.40
-do- Acc	482.20	513.00	- 0.80	0.40
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	65.36	70.12*	+ 0.65	0.30
General	88.97	95.46*	+ 0.16	2.40
Income	70.10	75.21	- 0.07	4.70
International	64.14	68.82	+ 0.18	0.70
Japan	50.67	54.37	- 1.30	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	70.11	75.22	+ 0.50	1.60
M & G SECURITIES M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Servs: 0245 390 000 Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	413.20	437.00	+ 5.50	0.69
Amer Recovery	448.10	473.90	+ 4.60	0.32
Amer Smllr Cos	128.20	135.60	+ 1.10	...
Australasian	159.60	168.80	- 3.10	1.23
Capital	784.60	829.70	+ 4.50	2.09
Charifund	740.60	748.10	+ 0.30	4.88
Commodity	361.00	381.80	+ 3.60	0.46
Compound Grth	924.90	978.10	+ 4.10	2.37
Dividend	41.10	43.50*	...	3.76
Equity Income	333.30	352.90	- 1.10	4.90
Euro & General	471.50	498.60*	+ 4.80	0.59
Euro Dividend	69.10	73.10	+ 0.60	3.50
Extra Yield	441.30	466.70	+ 0.70	4.05
Far Eastern	399.80	422.80	- 0.10	0.23
Fund of Inv Tsts	634.20	670.70*	+ 2.60	1.63
General	62.50	66.10*	+ 0.10	3.56
Gilt Income	70.74	70.85*	+ 0.44	6.36
Gold	71.30	75.40	+ 0.70	0.39
High Income	29.20	30.90*	...	4.31
Intl Growth	77.80	82.30	...	0.73
International Inc	104.30	110.30	+ 0.90	4.15
Japan & Gen	43.70	46.20*	- 1.20	...
Japan Smlr Cos	145.80	154.20	- 2.10	...
Managed Income	28.70	30.20*	+ 0.10	3.73
Midland	60.20	63.70	+ 0.30	2.88
Pension Ex	960.30	984.40	+ 4.70	3.72
Recovery	40.70	43.00*	...	2.29
Second General	70.30	74.30*	+ 0.20	3.30
Smaller Cos	65.90	69.70	+ 0.10	2.81
Treasury	25.05	25.08*	+ 0.01	5.07
Trustee	43.40	45.90	- 0.10	4.00
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	76.96	81.87	+ 0.84	0.13
High Income	310.20	329.90	+ 0.30	3.97
Intl Bond	69.68	73.27*	- 0.12	4.99
Intl Equity Growth	68.85	73.24*	+ 0.23	0.38
N Amer Growth	96.68	102.85	+ 0.74	0.70
Special Sits Growth	21.35	22.71	+ 0.10	1.83
UK Growth	384.10	408.60	+ 0.60	2.38
MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD 46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian 062 082 5867				
Johm Investors	1314.3	1342.4*	...	2.40
MALDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	141.20	145.10*	...	4.00
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	196.00	209.60	+ 0.20	2.09
Gilt & Fxd Int	195.20	205.60	- 0.80	6.25
Intl Growth	206.10	220.80	- 0.50	0.18
North American	179.40	192.00	+ 0.90	0.26
Far East	287.80	307.80	+ 3.60	0.26
UK Smaller Cos	155.90	166.70	+ 0.80	1.66
European	76.86	82.23	+ 0.67	0.25
Japanese Growth	41.83	44.57	- 1.40	...
Managed Ptflo	69.13	74.05	- 0.14	1.38
High Income	199.20	213.10	- 0.50	3.82
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 086				
M & S Inv Ptflio	154.90	165.60	...	1.87
-do- Accum	173.50	185.60	...	1.87
UK Sel Ptflio	131.20	140.30*	- 0.14	2.07
-do- Accum	149.60	160.00*	- 0.14	2.07
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	70.69	75.20	...	3.16
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Ct, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	77.60	82.38*	+ 0.50	3.90
European	81.01	86.00	+ 0.73	0.64
Income & Growth	81.28	86.28*	+ 0.45	2.90
Nth American	60.02	63.72	+ 0.47	0.07
Far East	172.70	183.30	- 1.00	...
Charities	123.60	131.20*	+ 0.50	3.71
Japan	52.29	55.51	- 0.99	..
Emging Mkts	121.20	129.60	- 0.20	0.13
Intl Growth	109.30	116.00	...	0.16
UK Growth	84.30	89.70*	+ 0.85	1.75
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	201.80	214.20*	+ 0.80	...
(Accum Units)	215.20	229.00*	+ 0.90	...
American Opps	88.32	94.21	+ 0.56	...
(Accum Units)	89.43	95.39	+ 0.59	...
British Blue Chip	82.19	87.60	+ 0.20	2.88
(Accum Units)	98.85	105.30	+ 0.20	2.88
Cash	100.80	100.80	+ 0.10	5.36
(Accum Units)	132.30	132.30	+ 0.10	5.36
Emerging Mkts	127.50	137.10	+ 0.40	..
European Growth	234.10	248.10	- 1.70	0.64
(Accum Units)	252.00	267.10	- 1.90	0.64
European Income	83.30	88.18*	+ 0.48	2.76
(Accum Units)	109.10	115.50*	+ 0.70	2.76
General	528.40	563.60	+ 1.40	2.15
(Accum Units)	1011	1078	+ 2.00	2.15
Global Bond	135.60	142.60	+ 0.20	5.58
(Accum Units)	156.30	164.30	+ 0.20	5.58
Gold & General	184.90	198.80	+ 0.10	0.47
(Accum Units)	189.90	203.30	- 0.10	0.47
Govt Securities	103.40	106.70*	+ 0.70	6.67
(Accum Units)	181.60	187.50*	+ 1.00	6.67
Income	162.30	172.60*	+ 0.60	3.94
(Accum Units)	242.70	258.40*	+ 1.00	3.94
International	437.90	466.40*	+ 0.60	0.60
(Accum Units)	584.70	622.90*	+ 0.80	0.60
Japan	177.90	188.70	- 3.50	...
(Accum Units)	182.60	193.70	- 3.70	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
New Europe	167.60	176.00	+ 0.70	1.45
(Accum Units)	170.60	181.90	+ 0.70	1.45
Pacific	145.30	155.10	- 0.40	0.54
(Accum Units)	154.00	164.90	- 0.30	0.54
Recovery	320.60	341.30*	+ 1.70	2.63
(Accum Units)	405.80	432.30*	+ 2.20	2.63
UK Smaller Cos	56.90	60.79	+ 0.15	1.79
(Accum Units)	64.00	68.37	+ 0.16	1.79
Portfolio	43.73	48.11	+ 0.35	2.54
(Accum Units)	96.07	102.20	+ 0.40	2.54
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	115.75	[illegible]	+ 0.79	0.87
Intl Strategy	64.26	68.27*	+ 0.21	0.67
UK Income Inc	81.76	86.41	+ 0.25	5.60
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.32	13.33	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0823				
American Gwth	310.50	332.40	+ 1.40	
European Gth Inc	350.20	373.90*	+ 3.40	
Intl Gwth	191.20	203.40*	...	
UK Equity Inc	174.90	186.00	+ 0.40	3.57
UK Ind Trckr Inc	164.40	175.96	+ 0.22	2.76
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	200.20	212.30	+ 1.30	1.36
Japan Tracker	70.21	74.37*	- 2.74	
Asian Trader	245.50	256.90*	+ 1.60	0.35
Managed Inc	145.50	154.50	- 0.50	1.64
Deposit Inc	100.05	100.25*	+ 0.03	5.30
Europa	154.70	165.90	+ 0.20	..
Genesis	145.50	157.10*	+ 1.20	..
High Income	24.40	25.93	.	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	93.61	99.77	+ 0.30	2.10
Acumen Inc	92.02	96.54	+ 0.29	2.10
Acumen Reserve	91.94	91.91	+ 0.53	6.41
-do- In	86.07	91.02	+ 0.49	6.41
American Income	97.50	102.90	+ 0.80	1.42
Cash Income	49.78	50.29	+ 0.01	4.63
Equity Income	105.90	112.70*	+ 0.20	4.26
European	73.57	77.70	+ 0.51	1.16
Smaller Cos	74.29	77.10*	- 0.03	1.14
Olympiad	66.96	68.92	+ 0.22	0.07
Global Bond	50.21	52.79*	+ 0.11	5.50
UK Growth	92.93	98.42	+ 0.15	1.63
Pacific Growth	127.40	131.70	+ 0.80	
Japan Growth	91.23	92.92	- 2.91	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	125.02	133.00	+ 0.40	2.71
NM UNIT TRUST MGRS Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 832 695 Dlg: 0705 862 680				
NM Managed Portfolio Service				
Cap Gth Inc Inc	108.70	115.60	+ 0.80	1.75
Open Cap Gth Inc	110.30	117.50	+ 0.70	1.96
NM Unit Trusts				
American	44.75	47.73*	+ 0.09	1.15
Australian	323.50	347.10	- 2.10	..
Conscience	70.12	74.83*	- 1.02	1.22
European	195.30	207.70	+ 1.40	0.75
Extra Income	81.52	87.00*	+ 0.04	5.10
Gilt & FI	64.33	67.89	- 0.20	5.62
Gold	58.78	63.20	+ 1.42	..
Income	58.68	62.59*	- 0.05	4.51
Intnl	33.12	35.42*	...	0.60
Jap Smaller Cos	312.40	333.20	- 5.40	..
Sing & Malaysian	279.20	299.40	- 1.20	..
Smaller Cos	28.27	30.39	+ 0.29	0.70
Special Sits	36.70	39.40	+ 0.01	1.77
Sterling Deposit	100.80	100.80	...	4.75
Tokyo	77.25	82.43	- 2.63	..
UK Equity	161.40	193.40	- 0.30	2.16
US Smaller Cos	110.10	117.70	+ 2.60	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	75.91	80.76	+ 0.08	2.24
UK Income	114.70	122.10*	+ 0.10	3.52
Gilt & Fixed Int	83.66	88.53	+ 0.48	5.56
Higher Income	222.30	236.50*	+ 0.10	4.26
Smaller Cos	79.04	84.09	+ 0.18	1.48
International	100.24	106.64	+ 0.35	1.72
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	108.30	115.80*	+ 1.30	...
European Dist	100.51	107.50*	+ 0.81	...
Far East Dist	178.10	190.50	- 1.40	...
Global Care Dist	69.68	74.52*	+ 0.51	1.97
Oseas Dist	996.60	1065.9	+ 0.30	0.30
UK Dist	353.90	378.50*	- 0.40	2.33
UK Extra Inc Dist	76.05	80.78	+ 0.27	3.79
Wwide Dist	102.65	109.78	+ 0.06	..
Wwide Inc Dist	69.40	74.22	+ 0.42	2.13
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	57.94	61.15	+ 0.15	0.43
Fund of Funds Inc	57.10	60.26	- 0.03	0.63
North America Inc	50.30	53.09	+ 0.38	0.28
UK Equity Grth Inc	58.89	62.15	+ 0.05	1.77
UK General Inc	58.75	62.00	- 0.04	2.03
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	53.84	56.70	+ 0.25	5.94
UK Income Inc	60.17	63.50*	- 0.06	2.50
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000				
Income	233.52	248.43	+ 0.53	3.50
Global	339.02	360.66	+ 1.30	2.86
General	190.28	202.43	+ 0.97	1.50
Bond	133.71	141.99*	+ 0.38	7.30
Growth	123.95	131.87	...	1.72
Intrepid	114.69	119.47	...	1.70
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	123.72	131.61	+ 0.03	1.29
UK Equity	144.04	153.23	- 0.24	3.46
UK Equity Income	138.20	147.02*	+ 0.06	3.35
UK Smaller Cos	118.29	125.84	+ 0.60	1.96
UK Equity Growth	132.14	140.57	- 0.26	2.12
UK Index Trckg	144.46	153.68	+ 0.17	3.13
Intl Index Trckg	140.15	149.10	+ 0.64	1.05
International	232.04	246.85	+ 0.19	0.61
European	174.24	185.36	+ 1.79	0.37
Pan European	126.37	134.44*	+ 1.02	1.99
Nth American	161.85	172.18*	+ 1.18	0.61
N Amer Smlr Cos	177.14	188.45	+ 1.46	...
Japanese	85.95	91.44*	- 2.60	...
Pacific	249.01	264.90*	- 0.14	0.09
South East Asian	284.31	302.46	+ 0.61	0.18
Intl Bond	139.82	148.74	+ 0.53	5.27
Gilt & Convertible	116.73	124.18*	+ 0.45	7.65
Property	78.00	82.98*	+ 0.06	6.53
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	247.80	263.50*	+ 0.40	2.14
Growth	156.50	164.70	+ 0.30	2.52
Income	252.80	268.90	+ 0.80	3.08
Intl Equity	246.00	261.70	- 0.40	0.71
UK Income	70.07	74.54	+ 0.17	2.56
UK Intl 25	79.68	84.76	+ 0.04	1.70
New Europe	70.91	75.43	+ 0.57	0.32
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST MGMT 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	584.87	625.54	+ 2.73	0.34
Income	348.95	373.21	+ 3.07	3.01
Wwide Recovery	359.40	384.39	+ 2.67	0.41
Amer Growth Inc	223.08	238.59	+ 0.80	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	247.79	265.02	+ 1.31	0.05
Far Estn Grth Inc	284.02	303.77	- 1.46	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	133.87	143.18*	+ 1.09	0.78
UK Growth Inc	88.37	94.52	+ 0.71	2.64
High Income	97.72	104.52	+ 0.76	4.14
Jap Gwth Inc	200.04	212.97	- 5.22	0.01
PEP Growth	117.66	125.85	+ 0.88	1.23
Asian Slr Mkts Inc	147.12	157.35	+ 0.75	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	134.66	144.03*	+ 0.22	0.01
Global Bond	64.18	67.57	+ 0.25	5.62
UK Smaller Cos Inc	75.52	80.78	+ 0.36	1.45
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
American	103.15	109.73*	- 0.07	
European	64.73	68.86	+ 0.42	0.28
Global	66.37	70.61*	- 0.50	...
Pacific	67.41	71.71	+ 0.67	0.06
UK Inc & Grth	64.66	68.79	+ 0.48	1.98
POINTON YORK UT MGRS The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 540				
BRI Director Digs	97.65	103.99	+ 0.92	...
PORTFOLIO TRUST MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	158.16	161.39	+ 1.09	0.66
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 456 721				
Monthly Income	58.03	61.51	+ 0.05	2.22
Growth Income	57.59	61.04	- 0.03	1.62
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	135.78	144.45	...	1.84
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	97.96	104.20	- 0.20	2.74
Conv & Gilt	120.90	128.70*	+ 0.40	5.40
European Income	76.24	81.11	+ 0.83	2.36
Extra Income	157.30	167.40*	+ 0.80	3.57
Far East	402.00	427.70	- 2.80	0.22
Global Income	28.26	30.06	+ 0.18	4.11
High Income	120.50	128.20	+ 0.70	3.32
International	210.10	223.50	+ 0.20	0.37
Pref & Fxd Int	46.43	49.39	+ 0.09	6.90
Recovery	78.48	83.49	+ 0.46	1.76
Special Sits	105.70	112.50*	+ 0.20	1.31
Technology	324.90	345.70*	+ 2.60	..
UK Blue Chip	70.44	74.93	+ 0.24	2.59
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 Scotions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	54.53	58.01*	+ 0.04	2.62
International	92.38	98.28	+ 0.80	0.60
Gilt	28.78	29.67*	+ 1.02	6.54
Income & Gwth	77.70	82.66*	+ 1.51	3.73
European	49.61	52.78	+ 0.48	1.21
American	55.21	58.73	+ 0.50	0.05
Emerging Mkts	100.94	107.38	+ 0.19	0.47
UK Smaller Cos	29.57	31.46	+ 0.17	1.71
Gilt/Fixed Interest	28.66	30.49*	+ 0.03	5.24
Global PEP	40.11	42.67	+ 0.24	1.47
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	230.90	247.30	+ 1.30	0.75
Japan Inc	96.31	103.00	- 2.80	...
Nth American Inc	110.20	118.50	+ 1.30	0.12
Worldwide Inc	158.40	170.90	- 0.20	0.72
Hong Kong Inc	182.60	196.90	+ 2.50	0.82
Swiss Equities Inc	65.89	70.58	+ 0.17	0.34
Wwide Bond Inc	66.34	70.45	+ 0.04	6.27
Emging Asia Inc	211.30	230.60*	- 1.20	0.36
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.25	51.28*	+ 0.02	5.36
Thailand Inc	148.20	160.50*	- 1.30	0.83
Gold Trust Inc	85.99	92.71	+ 0.18	0.17
New Zealand Inc	85.33	91.25	+ 0.08	0.60
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	64.68	69.96	+ 0.37	3.60
Latin Am Cmp Inc	82.44	88.36	+ 1.67	0.03
UK All Sh Mkt Inc	60.52	65.11	...	1.99
Le Fond Francais	69.80	75.12	+ 0.78	0.39
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	76.78	82.12	+ 0.55	1.56
Global Portfolio	70.07	74.94	+ 0.52	..
Global Opps	70.37	75.36	+ 0.65	0.44
Marsh Global Grth	71.09	75.39	+ 0.22	1.82
AAM Global Equity	59.84	63.46	+ 0.11	0.74
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	88.61	96.21	+ 0.36	0.94
CAM Brit Inc Inc	46.57	50.47	...	1.99
CAM Int Recvy Inc	46.92	52.94	- 0.25	0.98
Temple Equity Inc	47.33	51.64	+ 0.18	3.10
Hardley Growth	75.82	80.66	+ 0.22	1.29
Intl Growth Inc	78.31	83.75	...	1.54
IPS Portfolio Inc	85.05	90.96	+ 0.43	0.23
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	51.71	53.75*	- 0.07	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Premier Perfms Inc	71.31	76.25	- 0.12	0.35
Roxborgh Smr Gth	74.40	79.64*	+ 0.21	0.76
Tech Analysis	108.60	115.50	- 0.20	0.77
Rosebery Growth	48.33	51.01	+ 0.03	..
International Strat	78.24	83.64	+ 1.55	..
UFC Ind-Act Grth	56.43	60.53	+ 0.74	5.25
Coverdale Topous	53.22	56.91	+ 0.38	.
Prem Equity Inc	98.09	104.70	- 0.60	...
Lowes Intl Growth	47.39	49.08	+ 0.13	.
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 9963				
Equity Gth	161.10	171.40	+ 3.20	1.59
European Gth	91.31	96.58	+ 0.60	0.57
Income & Gth	137.20	146.00	+ 0.40	2.66
Japan Gth	111.60	118.10	- 3.30	
Nth Amer Gth	116.00	123.40	+ 1.90	
Overseas Gth	85.45	90.67	+ 0.10	.
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	35.76	38.24	+ 0.05	1.44
Cash Haven Inc	101.27	101.76*	+ 0.03	4.33
Cash Haven Acc	107.41	107.94*	+ 0.03	4.33
Global Growth	89.71	95.94	+ 0.17	1.00
Equity Inc	88.82	94.99*	- 0.08	3.62
Equity	741.40	792.94	+ 0.09	2.34
European	201.75	215.77*	+ 2.02	0.81
High Income	96.91	103.66*	+ 0.80	3.13
Intl Grth	180.22	192.74	+ 1.47	1.06
Intl Sm Co	76.11	81.40	+ 0.37	0.04
Japanese	182.54	195.22	- 5.91	.
Nth Amer	159.10	170.16*	+ 1.03	0.74
Pacific Mkts	113.07	120.92	+ 2.62	0.79
Premier Inc	53.82	56.03	+ 0.25	5.20
Sel Cos	86.94	92.98*	+ 0.32	2.03
Spec Sits	113.22	121.09	+ 1.14	2.19
UK Growth	125.46	134.15	+ 1.06	2.06
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	319.20	338.60	+ 0.30	2.80
Reliance Inc	170.70	181.40	+ 0.10	1.87
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2856				
Managed	97.08	100.00	..	1.92
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	522.29	556.15	+ 3.59	0.83
FA America (Acc)	608.62	648.08	+ 4.16	0.83
FA UK Equity Inc	176.04	188.02*	- 0.42	3.03
FA Japan	250.74	267.07	- 6.41	..
FA Major UK Cos	103.62	110.66*	+ 0.19	2.02
FA Smllr UK Cos	283.43	307.13	+ 0.58	1.11
FA European	296.00	313.93	+ 2.31	0.65
FA Amer Smllr Cos	45.87	48.85	- 0.37	.
FA Asia	58.97	63.19	- 0.16	.
FA Jap Smllr Cos	46.91	50.02	- 0.39	.
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	101.58	106.92	+ 0.18	..
UK Smllr Cos	79.90	84.10	- 0.24	..
UK Income	100.91	106.21	- 0.23	...
America	104.11	109.58	+ 0.70	...
Japanese	54.90	57.78	- 1.39	...
European	93.99	98.93	+ 0.74	...
Gilt	91.23	96.55	+ 0.46	...
Deposit	78.86	83.01	+ 0.04	..
Managed	103.07	108.48	+ 0.23	..
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	99.16	104.39	+ 0.18	...
UK Smaller Cos	78.27	82.38	+ 0.24	...
UK Income	98.73	103.92	+ 0.23	...
America	101.63	106.97	+ 0.68	...
Japanese	53.60	56.41	- 1.36	..
European	91.79	96.61	+ 0.71	..
Gilt	90.67	95.44	+ 0.48	..
Deposit	75.49	79.46	+ 0.04	..
Managed	97.41	102.53	+ 0.23	..
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 393 800				
United States	71.49	76.45	+ 0.62	0.11
Pacific Basin	80.55	86.43	- 0.87	..
High Inc Dist	134.00	143.30	- 0.30	4.24
Ryl Life Inc Cmty	63.90	67.97	+ 0.17	3.31
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	65.32	69.75	- 0.06	0.34
Ryl Life Intl Spec	59.76	63.56	+ 0.03	..
UK Emerging Cos	113.00	122.10	+ 1.10	1.54
UK Index Trckg	165.50	176.30*	+ 0.80	2.94
European	114.40	122.80	+ 1.20	0.31
Managed	140.10	150.60	+ 0.60	0.85
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 480				
American Growth	147.20	155.80	+ 0.80	0.37
European Growth	102.40	108.30	+ 1.30	0.91
Far East Growth	146.40	155.80	+ 1.10	0.14
Japan Growth	139.10	147.90	...	...
Special Sits	192.70	205.00	+ 2.00	1.51
UK Growth	77.99	82.96*	+ 0.70	1.86
Triton General	232.10	247.00	+ 1.70	0.47
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	195.90	207.30	...	0.10
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	316.60	335.00	+ 1.10	0.11
Growth Inc	121.30	128.40	+ 0.50	0.02
International Inc	314.10	332.40	+ 0.80	0.13
Nth Am & Ind Inc	312.40	330.60	+ 1.50	0.47
PEP Prog Inc	207.50	219.60	+ 0.40	1.76
UK High Inc Inc	142.00	150.30	+ 0.50	3.11
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	64.70	68.83*	+ 0.59	1.00
Amer Smllr Cos	79.17	84.22	+ 0.72	..
Asian Gwth	125.31	133.31	+ 0.31	1.25
European Gwth	66.69	70.94	+ 0.44	1.50
Global Bd	63.58	67.16	+ 0.18	6.00
Global Eq	66.35	70.59*	+ 0.07	0.50
Japanese Eq	54.81	58.31*	- 1.36	...
Japan Sm Cos	64.97	69.12	- 1.44	...
UK Gen	56.02	59.59	+ 0.26	3.00
UK Gwth	59.57	63.38*	+ 0.34	2.50
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	72.45	77.07	+ 0.41	3.40
Amer Smllr Cos	108.40	115.30	- 1.20	...
Asian Smaller Cos	66.92	70.13	- 0.24	..
Capital Portfolio	135.10	143.70	- 0.50	1.68
Capital	168.30	179.00*	+ 0.30	0.96
Cash	121.20	121.20*	...	5.09
China Dragon	77.59	82.54	+ 1.21	0.82
Commodity	132.70	141.20	+ 0.70	0.56
Eastern Discovery	126.10	134.10	- 0.60	...
Energy Inds	115.60	123.00	- 1.10	0.31
European Gwth	184.10	195.80*	+ 1.70	0.68
Euro Inc & Gwth	77.48	82.43	+ 0.57	1.88
Euro Smllr Cos	48.93	52.05*	+ 0.23	0.54
Financial Secs	205.80	218.90*	+ 1.30	1.07
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	55.08	58.16	+ 0.10	7.30
Gold & Exploration	84.35	89.73	+ 0.43	0.28
High Return	239.40	254.70	+ 0.70	3.39
High Yield	232.90	247.80	+ 0.70	3.53
Income	126.20	134.30	- 0.30	4.10
Intl Bond	177.50	187.70	+ 0.40	5.07
ITU	216.80	230.60	- 1.20	0.79
Japan Growth	151.20	160.80	- 3.80	...
Japan Smaller	178.60	190.00	- 2.00	...
Korea	74.67	79.44	- 3.13	...
Masterfund	53.80	57.23*	- 0.07	0.94
Scotbits	311.50	331.40	+ 1.90	0.86
Scotshares	293.60	312.30*	+ 1.40	1.70
Scotyields	251.90	268.00	+ 0.50	3.52
Select Intl	147.00	156.40	+ 1.10	0.53
Smaller Cos Inc	243.60	259.20	+ 1.10	3.70
SE Asia	671.40	720.60	- 0.40	..
Special Situation	124.50	132.40	+ 0.30	0.58
UK Equity	255.30	271.60	+ 0.30	2.57
UK Growth	65.39	69.56	+ 0.47	1.45
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	44.57	47.41	+ 0.21	1.13
US Growth	148.80	158.30	+ 1.50	0.06
Univ Growth	148.60	158.10	+ 1.00	0.34
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800				
Retail Funds				
American	252.85	269.03*	+ 2.60	0.69
Australian	150.54	160.57	..	1.42
European Gwth	71.78	76.48*	+ 0.85	0.77
Euro Smllr Cos	67.04	71.47*	+ 0.42	0.17
Far Eastern Gth	100.05	106.71	+ 0.25	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	59.29	62.48	+ 0.22	6.73
Global Bond	55.89	57.73	+ 0.14	4.93
Global Emer Mkts	57.46	61.29	+ 0.08	..
Income	359.57	383.54	+ 0.80	3.60
Japan Smllr Cos	449.12	479.06	- 5.49	...
Japan Enterprise	63.62	67.86	- 1.95	...
Pacific Gwth	152.41	162.58	+ 1.34	...
Seoul	52.92	56.44*	- 1.25	...
Smaller Cos	208.04	221.90*	+ 0.41	0.72
Tokyo	108.33	115.55	- 2.90	...
UK Enterprise	242.83	259.01*	+ 2.08	2.20
UK Equity	245.94	262.31	+ 1.19	2.39
US Smllr Cos	149.35	159.30*	+ 1.30	...
World Fd	81.83	87.28	+ 0.25	1.80
Institutional Funds				
European	226.11	240.11	+ 1.65	1.16
Euro Smllr Cos	27.28	29.03*	+ 0.13	1.65
Global Equity Inc	74.49	79.24	- 0.13	0.69
Japan Smllr Cos	33.58	35.72*	- 0.49	0.06
Mngd Balanced	187.89	199.88*	+ 0.68	2.38
Overseas Equity	182.72	194.38*	+ 0.29	0.78
Oseas Smllr Cos	118.23	125.77	+ 0.15	0.29
Pacific	279.35	297.18	+ 1.24	0.68
Recovery	1875.9	1995.6	+ 8.13	2.41
UK Equity	158.09	168.18*	+ 0.16	2.87
UK Small Cos	112.60	119.78	+ 0.38	2.50
US Smllr Cos	42.63	45.35	+ 0.35	0.11
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	52.21	55.60	+ 0.15	3.02
Equity Trust	60.92	64.88	+ 0.37	3.86
Equity Strategy	67.05	71.41	+ 0.43	1.06
European Opps	83.00	88.39	+ 0.52	0.29
UK Smaller Cos	60.49	64.42	+ 0.25	1.13
Maximum Income	99.34	101.91	+ 0.01	4.87
Japanese	67.33	71.71	- 2.06	..
Asia Pacific	142.93	152.22	+ 2.34	1.40
American	106.10	113.00	+ 0.85	0.26
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	29.75	29.75	- 0.01	4.940
UK General Inc	54.28	57.90	+ 0.06	2.40
Intl Income	285.60	304.30	+ 2.20	2.80
European	71.72	75.91*	+ 0.61	1.54
Japan	62.44	66.51*	- 2.36	0.12
American	67.41	71.60	+ 0.19	1.76
Far East	99.51	106.14	+ 0.36	0.30
Ethical Inc	30.70	32.93	+ 0.08	1.89
UK Blue Chip Inc	34.45	36.84	- 0.01	2.66
High Inc Inc	38.63	41.27*	+ 0.01	3.42
UK Global Inc	40.17	42.80	- 0.01	1.34
Wwide Tact	76.49	81.80	+ 0.16	0.38
Europe 2000 Tact	48.75	51.76	+ 0.52	1.25
Technology	96.56	103.00	+ 0.20	0.30
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	390.40	417.00	- 0.10	2.47
American	271.40	288.20	+ 2.40	0.64
Pacific	407.30	435.60	- 0.30	0.51
European	522.50	558.80	+ 4.10	0.81
Worldwide	94.44	101.00	+ 0.10	0.74
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	280.70	298.70*	+ 0.60	2.35
UK Sm Co Eq Inc	193.20	206.10*	+ 0.80	1.48
Select Oppnty Inc	68.92	73.72	- 0.13	2.20
Income Plus Inc	75.43	80.25	...	3.42
European Inc	339.20	360.90	+ 3.50	1.57
Far Eastern Inc	191.20	203.50	+ 3.00	1.17
Japanese Inc	59.28	63.07	- 1.78	

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Nth American Inc	247.20	263.00	+ 1.40	0.47
Intl Growth Inc	207.90	221.20*	+ 1.00	0.71
Wwide Venture Inc	62.82	68.11	+ 0.50	1.29
SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2340				
Equity Growth Inc	24.78	26.52	...	2.10
Intl Growth Inc	31.50	33.72		0.65
Market Leaders Inc	24.22	25.92		2.55
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 668 3724				
Equity Inc	385.40	411.00	+ 2.70	2.75
UK High Inc	199.00	212.30	+ 1.10	3.37
Europe Inc	319.60	340.90	+ 2.50	0.87
Nth Amer Inc	214.90	229.20	+ 2.00	0.05
Global Inc	206.90	220.30	+ 0.80	0.97
UK Spec Sits Inc	106.10	113.20	+ 0.40	2.97
South East Asia	241.20	257.00	+ 1.50	0.45
Cash Trust Inc	100.20	100.20	...	4.80
UK Smllr Cos Inc	103.80	110.70	+ 0.40	1.81
Intl Bond Inc	101.70	106.00	+ 0.40	5.62
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	158.50	166.50	+ 1.00	4.01
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO 5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	124.20	130.70	+ 1.10	1.45
Nth American	105.40	110.90	+ 0.50	0.95
Intl Bond & Conv	137.70	144.90*	+ 0.40	4.78
Pooled Pension	185.50	198.43	...	..
Smaller Cos	67.96	71.54*	+ 0.22	2.10
UK General	135.90	143.20*	+ 0.10	2.94
SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	450.13	478.86	- 0.01	3.86
Global Inc	70.42	74.91	- 0.72	2.50
Brit Leaders	351.97	374.33	- 0.56	2.15
Intl Leaders	215.31	229.06	- 1.33	0.59
PAM Mg Bal Grth	64.74	67.20	- 0.37	0.95
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European ‡	116.10		+ 0.90	..
Global Bond ‡	108.80	..	- 0.40	6.87
Samurai ‡	53.35		- 1.79	..
UK Growth ‡	112.30		+ 0.60	3.55
Tai Pan ‡	107.10		+ 0.14	..
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377				
American	297.10	314.30*	- 0.50	0.44
Canadian	79.01	83.60*	- 0.71	0.34
Capital	139.30	148.30	+ 0.70	1.27
Cash	101.04	101.04	+ 0.01	5.11
European	130.20	137.70	+ 1.00	0.48
Far Eastern	183.20	193.90	+ 0.30	...
Growth	150.60	159.30	+ 0.70	1.10
Income	138.90	146.90	+ 0.70	4.22
Magnum	146.80	157.50	+ 0.80	1.15
Smllr Secs	366.90	388.20	+ 1.50	0.42
Thoroughbred	170.20	182.70	+ 0.80	1.06
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth 0202 298 422				
Cash	49.80	50.30*	..	4.75
Cntrlld Prfmnce	61.79	65.91	..	7.20
Ethical	59.07	62.84	...	3.20
European Growth	70.12	74.79	...	2.20
Income	59.40	63.35*	...	5.00
Intl Growth	93.93	100.20	...	2.50
Managed	80.82	86.21	...	3.20
UK Growth	64.38	68.67	..	3.50
STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	51.45	54.67	+ 0.60	1.18
UK Equity Gth Acc	73.14	77.72	+ 0.60	1.08
-do- High Inc Inc	40.88	43.44	+ 0.30	3.03
-do- High Inc Acc	49.09	52.16	+ 0.40	3.03
UK Equity Gen Acc	64.20	68.01	+ 0.50	1.83
UK Equity Gen Inc	48.24	51.26	+ 0.40	1.83
UK Lrgr Co Acc	437.60	474.90	+ 3.30	3.14
UK Lrgr Co Inc	332.00	360.30	- 2.50	3.14
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	34.90	36.91	+ 0.10	5.44
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	300.90	326.50	+ 2.30	1.21
Nth American Acc	45.29	48.13	+ 0.30	0.51
Far East Acc	67.73	71.97	+ 0.30	0.15
European Acc	48.27	51.29	+ 0.60	0.53
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 28 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7008				
Global A (NZ$)	3.857	4.090	...	1.15
US Eqts (US$)	2.274	2.413	...	0.66
Far East Eqts (yen)	231.80	246.20	...	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	230.60	244.90	...	...
FT Europe	126.10	133.90	...	1.55
FT N Amer (US$)	1.760	1.866	...	0.74
FT Japan (yen)	221.20	235.00	...	..
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.552	2.711	...	0.75
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	364.00	388.30	+ 4.30	0.28
British	1040.3	1106.9	+ 0.90	3.27
Emging Mkts	159.60	170.00	+ 1.30	0.20
European	477.40	508.40	+ 1.30	1.06
Japan	145.20	154.10	- 3.40	...
New Pacific	420.80	448.10	+ 3.70	0.73
Investment Tst	234.80	248.90	+ 1.60	1.00
Mngd Equity	179.10	189.50	+ 0.50	1.38
Mngd Cash	96.18	96.18	...	4.50
Majority Stg	100.40	101.40	+ 0.03	4.33
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389				
Equity	851.70	910.90	- 1.30	2.42
North America	128.10	137.00	+ 0.90	0.26
Far East	163.70	175.10	+ 0.30	...
Wwide Bond	63.75	67.68	+ 0.10	5.11
European	98.63	105.50	+ 1.70	..
Equity Income	97.89	104.70*	- 0.30	3.56
Portfolio	88.12	94.25	+ 0.14	0.47
UK Leading Cos	61.33	65.24	- 0.16	2.77
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	66.96	71.62	+ 0.35	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725				
American Growth	35.90	38.40	+ 0.20	0.49
Managed Assets	134.64	144.00	+ 0.16	2.65
UK Income	41.63	44.53*	- 0.01	2.83
UK Growth	40.87	43.72	+ 0.02	2.28
Worldwide Growth	34.40	36.90	- 0.02	0.57
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD 101 Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Master Portfolio	48.84	52.24*	+ 0.29	0.24
Cap Protector Inc	43.79	46.83*	+ 0.05	2.50
UK Income Inc	55.50	59.36	- 0.17	2.83
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	34.05	36.42*	- 0.01	3.80
Mngd High Yld Inc	84.71	90.60*	...	3.67
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	79.40	84.92*	- 0.10	2.75
Mngd Wwide Gth	36.94	39.51*	+ 0.16	...
UK Smaller Cos	33.80	36.15*	+ 0.09	1.55
Pacific Grth Port	52.55	56.20	+ 0.20	...
SWISS LIFE UNIT TST MAN CO LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Equity Dist	570.70	603.90*	+ 1.30	2.19
Fixed Int Dist	128.80	133.90*	+ 0.30	6.86
UK Indx Trck Dist	135.60	143.50*	- 0.10	2.70
TSB UNIT TRUSTS Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 346 794				
American	220.61	234.70	+ 1.90	..
Brit Growth	98.50	104.79	- 0.54	1.69
European	103.02	109.60	- 0.37	0.30
Extra Income	211.91	225.44	+ 0.18	3.64
Smaller Cos	71.52	76.08	+ 0.43	1.03
General	301.97	321.25	- 3.62	2.10
Premier Income	57.19	59.58	- 0.20	5.37
Income	367.16	390.59*	+ 1.02	3.31
Pacific	421.97	448.90	- 3.82	...
International	552.42	587.69	- 6.50	0.11
Nat Resources	161.92	172.26	- 1.61	..
Stnd Opps	112.09	119.24	+ 0.45	1.25
Environmental Inv	63.28	67.32	+ 0.18	1.56
Selector	65.67	69.86	+ 0.19	2.04
High Income	71.54	76.11*	+ 0.24	3.89
Intl Income	63.62	67.68	+ 0.16	4.26
Selector Income	66.69	70.95	+ 0.16	4.66
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	344.00	362.10	+ 0.30	2.55
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 8HA 031 228 3932				
Glob Growth Inc	195.81	209.42	+ 0.92	1.86
Glob Balncd Inc	170.70	182.57	+ 0.44	2.90
Value Tst Inc	116.87	125.00	+ 0.82	1.43
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3081				
Amer Smllr Cos	67.88	72.40	+ 0.10	...
European Opps	70.03	74.34*	+ 0.60	0.40
Dresdner Eur Bd	44.56	46.81	+ 0.14	8.10
Japan Tst	81.02	86.42	- 1.24	...
Little Dragons	120.44	128.46	- 0.46	0.36
Oriental Income	50.39	53.74	+ 0.01	4.60
Tiger	323.27	344.82	+ 1.73	0.46
UK Blue Chip	67.15	71.69*	- 0.08	2.76
UK Smllr Cos	94.90	101.49	- 0.48	1.98
Formerly AEtna				
Nth Amer Gwth	228.75	243.35	+ 1.23	0.61
European Growth	270.12	286.87	+ 3.00	0.98
Exempt	562.96	588.61	+ 0.66	3.48
Far Eastern	486.46	517.51	- 4.14	0.85
UK High Yield	111.26	118.36	- 0.08	3.73
Iberian Growth	46.34	49.30	- 0.23	..
Intl Growth	109.34	116.30	+ 0.12	1.29
Preference	130.65	138.99	+ 0.17	7.81
UK Recovery	264.39	281.27	+ 0.05	2.59
UK Smlr Cos Div	98.19	104.46	+ 0.19	4.66
Smaller Cos	249.88	265.83	+ 1.23	1.54
UK Growth	527.66	561.34	- 0.66	2.30
WARDLEY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 3 Harbour Exchange Sqr, London E14 9GJ 071 955 5055				
Exempt	369.50	388.90	...	2.02
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	22.73	24.18	+ 0.71	0.50
Pacific Basin	39.74	42.27	- 0.27	0.60
Can Balncd Gwth	37.04	39.40	- 0.02	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.956	0.9058	- 0.001	5.43
Penny Share	36.51	39.20	+ 0.43	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 0462				
Challenger	107.10	109.60	+ 0.60	...
Short Dtd Gilt	116.20	117.70	+ 0.10	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7222	0.7313	...	...
Gilt Income	56.48	58.77*	+ 0.17	6.25
Gilt Growth	79.42	82.64	+ 0.37	..
City Reserve	53.81	53.81	...	4.58
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	79.33	84.38	+ 0.34	1.62

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; .. No significant data

Compensation is a long way away

Relatives of Lockerbie crash passengers are still awaiting restitution. Why do such cases take so long? **Nigel Taylor** reports

Five years ago today, Pan Am's flight 103 crashed at Lockerbie. Although the ground victims' cases were settled (on a "mid-Atlantic" basis, that is, at a level somewhere between what can be obtained in the English and American systems) at a relatively early stage, the passenger claims are the subject of continuing litigation in New York. The question of liability has been decided in the victims' favour, but the defendants' appeal must now be determined before the question of how much compensation should be paid is considered. Restitution may still be a long way off.

Distressing though it is, this is reasonable progress for litigation arising from a major air crash. Litigation arising from the 1983 Korean Airlines shoot-down is still continuing.

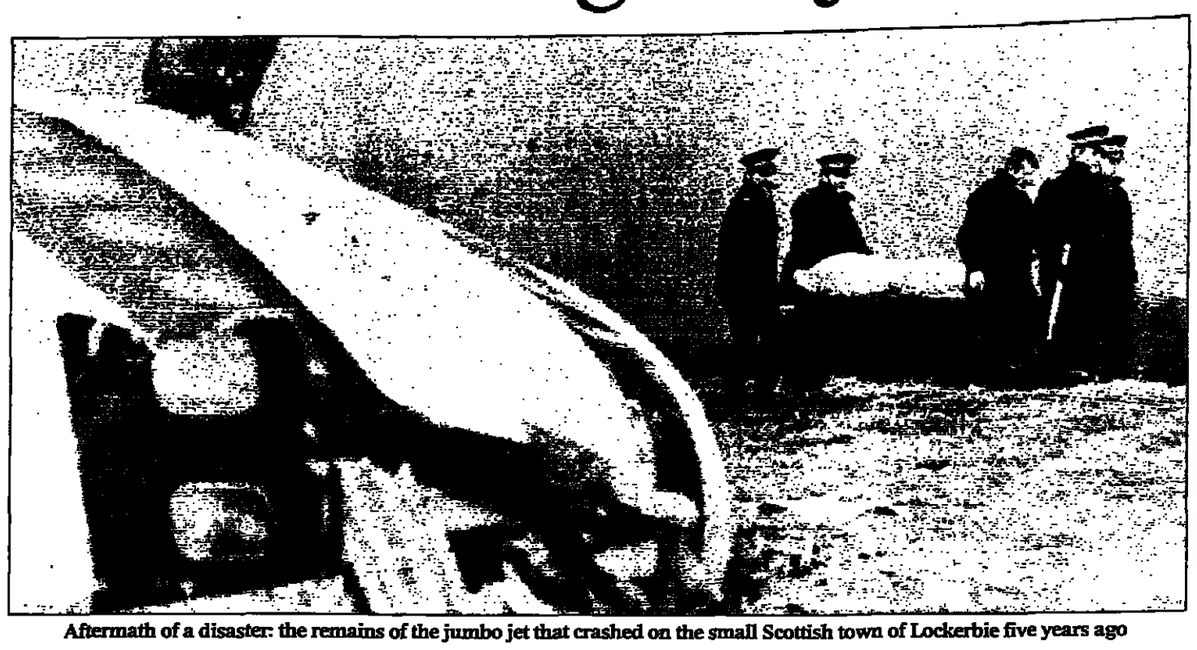
Although no sum can adequately compensate for the loss of a loved one, the death of family breadwinners does, in many cases, cause serious and immediate financial hardship. Monetary compensation can and should fully alleviate such problems. But does the legal system provide an adequate remedy?

Public statements that are made on behalf of airlines in the immediate aftermath of such tragedies typically confirm the airlines' willingness to compensate the relatives. Such statements may encourage families to believe they will be compensated fairly and promptly. The reality tends to be different.

The typical plaintiff in an international aircraft crash will face several disadvantages when compared to plaintiffs in other types of fatal accident cases. This results from the Warsaw Convention and its various amendments, principally the Hague Protocol. Most airline passengers will have never heard of the convention, although they may vaguely be aware that the first couple of pages of their airline ticket contains some printed conditions which most likely they have never read. If they did read them, the probability is that they would not understand the legalese.

The main purpose of the notice provisions on airline tickets is to enable the airline to shelter behind the convention if disaster occurs. This creature of international law applies when the passenger is ticketed on a journey which starts within and has as its final destination countries that are parties to the convention. The convention will apply to passengers on most international flights. Of greatest importance, and to the detriment of passengers, is the fact that the convention permits the carrying airline to limit severely its financial exposure to, in this country, as little as £13,633.40. To replace a modern Boeing 747 costs about £100 million. The insurance claim for the loss of an aircraft is usually paid within a few weeks of the accident, while the widows and children will often wait several years.

Those who formulated the convention sought to soften the blow of limited liability by reversing the burden of proof. The carrier assumes liability without proof of fault, but has a defence if able to prove that it took "all necessary measures" to avoid the accident, or that it was impossible for the carrier to take such measures. "All necessary measures" is now interpreted in many jurisdictions to mean all reasonable measures. Article 20 will typically be used by the defendant interests as a negotiating weapon, even in those cases where there may be little prospect of such a defence being sustained. Most claimants' lawyers would happily trade in the presumption of liability and take back the burden of proof in exchange for a removal of the cap on damages.



Aftermath of a disaster: the remains of the jumbo jet that crashed on the small Scottish town of Lockerbie five years ago

Although it may be fairly obvious that someone is at fault, it is rare that any one party comes forward and admits responsibility. The scale of the losses involved and the questions of commercial reputation militate against any early admissions of blame. Against this background, complex technical issues will probably be involved and any claimant's lawyer is going to be significantly disadvantaged without the aid of a battery of technical experts. To make matters worse, the claimants have no right to participate in the official investigation that takes place under the aegis of the Chicago Convention. The official investigation will be closed to all but the airline operator, manufacturers of the airframe and engines, representatives of the state of registry of the plane and the state where the crash occurred. It generally takes more than two years to produce an official crash report, which is then presented to the government of the host country. They have no obligation to make the report public, and it is not at all unusual for them to decline to publish. Assuming the incident has occurred outside this country, there is little prospect that any coroner's inquest will be of value as a forum for the collection of evidence.

There are other difficult questions. Which forum will be best? Which law applies? The unhappy conclusion is that your family will be better off if your are killed in a traffic accident on the way to the airport than on board the aircraft.

● *The author is a solicitor.*

'Tis a season to be busy in the office

Yule meet again at work — if you're a lawyer

It was Christmas day in the law firm
And all the assistants were there
But when they complained to the managing partner
All he could say was, "I don't care,
"With year-end coming, there's deals to be done
Mergers and acquisitions, too,
Writs to issue, debts to collect
I've got to be here, so why shouldn't you?"
Anon (1993)

THERE will be little peace for lawyers this Christmas. Alan Jowett, of Herbert Smith, says the mark of a top-class international law firm these days is to operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. "So", he says, "our office in London is staffed on Christmas day and the switchboard is ready to take calls."

Because Christmas falls on a weekend, the big law firms will have hundreds of staff back at their desks on Monday and Tuesday.

Why this Scrooge-like attitude when the rest of the country is indulging itself in winter slothfulness? Joanna Renton, of Watson, Farley & Williams, comments: "Many of our clients are nearing year-end and want to ensure transactions are completed by the end of December." She reckons that about a fifth of her colleagues will be in over the bank holidays. "Timetables have been set, which clients expect us to meet," she says.

Mr Jowett confirms that many of Herbert Smith's public-sector clients need to have concluded key deals by the end of the calendar year to avoid falling into financial difficulties. Partners try to make allowances for family commitments but service to the firm and the client has to be the priority.



On the High Street, it may be easier — but only slightly. Duncan Finlyson, of LawNet, the 76-member Federation of Law Firms, says his members have accepted that they are at the public's disposal and that there would be no point in hiding behind the holly. Mr Finlyson adds: "In general, firms will be open. Criminal practices in particular can expect to be very busy. Many of our lawyers are duty solicitors and could be contacted at home on Christmas day to go and see a client."

If the 12 days of Christmas provide little relief for legal folk, at least they have not lost out on the Christmas festivities in the past fortnight. Most big firms have entertained themselves at splendid parties, at top London hotels such as the Waldorf, and there have been hundreds of Christmas lunches.

It is also a good time to brush up contacts with clients — although if some of the Christmas cards I've seen this year are anything to go by it, is more a matter of giving them the cold shoulder. Bleak views of icy arctic vistas unrelieved by a single berry are proving all too popular among politically and religiously correct law firms. The message of many Christmas cards this year has been all too clear: cool it.

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INNS AND OUTS

Christmas presence

ASKED by *The Lawyer* magazine to name his legal book of 1993, John Grieves, senior partner at Freshfields, with all due modesty, recommended the *Freshfields Guide to Arbitration and ADR* (alternative dispute resolution). "Not only is this the work of four of my partners, but it is also intensely practical," he says.

George Staple, director of the Serious Fraud Office, recommends his favourite book, *David Copperfield*, by Charles Dickens. "Some books make you laugh and others make you cry. *David Copperfield* does both in equal measure with some valuable insight into the behaviour of insolvents," he says.

Fair enough

SOLICITORS in north Devon have assured the Director General of Fair Trading that they will not fix between themselves a minimum fee for conveyancing work. They have also said they will end any such agreement that did exist. This follows an investigation by the Office of Fair Trading.

Limited liability

THE HIGH Court has again ruled that social services departments should not be held liable for fines incurred by young people in care. The High Court has allowed an appeal by North Yorkshire Social Services Department against the decision of Selby magistrates who found it liable for £4,195 in compensation to victims.

Marital turn-off

According to the magazine *The Big Issue*, a man in Israel has petitioned for divorce on the grounds that his wife has been unfaithful — with a computer. She says: "I wish to God I could switch my husband off as easily as the computer."

Leaving present

A TEAM of solicitors and barristers has produced a do-it-yourself cheap divorce kit just in time for Christmas. *The Divorce Pack*, devised by Eagle Legal Forms and on sale at W.H. Smith, advises on how to fill in the forms to obtain an uncontested divorce.

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After 30 years of nights in white satin, the Moody Blues are hitting the road again

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Helen Mirren and Lynda La Plante should be good for a few more Prime Suspects yet



GALLERIES: A decade of collecting celebrated at the Tate; Degas in Glasgow; and recommended shows

Patrons of rare vision

Thanks to a group of astute collectors the Tate Gallery can acquire works it could not afford to buy. **Richard Cork** reports

Although accelerating attendances at the Tate Gallery testify to the public's curiosity about modern art, the British are notoriously reluctant to buy contemporary work. Most collectors here prefer artists of the past, safely hallowed by time, critical consensus and the history books. The appetite for purchasing the new, so evident in other European countries, has never recommended itself within this cautious island. Perhaps we are subconsciously conditioned by the collections displayed in stately homes, where "art" is synonymous with venerable canvases and statuary acquired on Grand Tours many years ago.

The consequences for living British artists are far-reaching. Forced to rely on continental and American patronage, many of them exhibit far more regularly abroad than they do here. They know that Charles Saatchi's ever-burgeoning collection in St John's Wood is the unaccountable exception, proving the grim rule that British gallery-goers cannot be expected to open their chequebooks for contemporary acquisitions. In this respect, we do not deserve the excellence of the artists who live here. They survive in spite of our failure to give their work house-room, and nobody could blame them if they decided to emigrate *en masse*.

> 'Living British artists are forced to rely on European or American patronage'

In such ignominious circumstances, an unfairly weighted burden descends on the Tate itself. For the Government has frozen its purchase grant at £1.8 million since 1979 — a niggardly figure, in view of the Tate's obligation to purchase historic British as well as 20th-century art. A single key painting by Turner or Picasso would easily cost far more than the entire year's allocation, leaving nothing for contemporary work. So the Tate is always trying to find ways of expanding its resources, and greeted the formation of the Patrons of New Art in 1982 with understandable enthusiasm.

Now the Patrons are celebrating a decade of collecting with a special exhibition at Millbank. Their numbers have grown to around 200, with each member giving between £350 and £750 a year. Most of the money is spent on purchases for the Tate's collection, chosen by a ten-strong acquisitions committee elected by annual draw. They select in consultation with the Tate's director and curators, who accompany the Patrons on regular visits to private collections, overseas exhibitions and artists' studios. But they repay the gallery many times over, by providing Millbank with an impressive array of major works.

Like the Tate, the Patrons prefer not to disclose how much they paid for their acquisitions. But they do reveal when the purchases were made, and this information often provides a measure of their acumen. As early as 1984, before Paula Rego established her current reputation with an outstanding retrospective at the Serpentine Gallery, they bought her boisterous painting of *Nanny, Small Bears and Bogeyman*. Culled like so much of Rego's work from memories of her Portuguese childhood, the picture seems at first like an exuberant fairytale. The freely brushed vivacity of her mark-making gives the image an instant sensuous appeal, but after a while it becomes macabre rather than delightful. Strapped to the nanny, one of the bears flinches as the bogeyman brandishes a knife and threatens to cut out the prisoner's tongue. Rego does not minimise the malevolence of the threat, nor the bear's terror. All the same, her painting retains its sensuality, and the introduction of a second bear hints at the possibility that the attack may yet be foiled.

On the whole, though, sculpture attracted the Patrons' greatest interest in the early years. Rightly aware of the younger British sculptors emerging around then, they wasted little time in buying Richard Deacon's *For Those Who Have Ears No 2*, one of his most lyrical and beguiling works. Alison Wilding's *Airing Light* was another felicitous choice. Two upright sheets of galvanised steel, painted a deep hue, stand like sentinels at either end of a suspended horizontal form. Soldered together from brass strips, it looks isolated and vulnerable. But as you walk round the sculpture, the steel sheets close protectively round the brass component and even hide it from view.

Unlike many of her sculptural contemporaries, Wilding has never been stimulated by scavenging for discarded materials. But Kate Blacker thrived on detritus when she produced her tall, flamboyant *Made in '84*. Joining several pieces of corrugated iron sheeting together, she then painted a young woman's full-length figure on the crumpled surface. The outcome is complex. Because the sheeting is at its most battered around her knees, the woman appears on the point of collapse. Moreover, her body seems to be invaded by images of electronic components. They threaten to engulf her and rob the woman of her humanity, most notably in an ominous computerised section jutting out from her left shoulder like a robotic limb. She remains surprisingly serene, however, and the orange paint bursting above her head gives the sculpture a sense of defiant warmth.

A body like the Patrons of New Art could easily play safe, opting only for bland work calculated to offend no one. But from the outset, they refused to shy away from the controversial. One of their first purchases, in 1983, was Robert Longo's *Sword of the Pig*. Assembled in the form of a horizontal sword, it contains at the centre a composite image of a naked, pumped-up body-builder with genitals brazenly exposed. His swaggering muscularity is juxtaposed with an eerie panel showing a disused nuclear silo. While Longo makes the link between macho vanity and the phallic aggression of missiles, the emptiness and neglect at the silo puncture the preening potency of the central image.

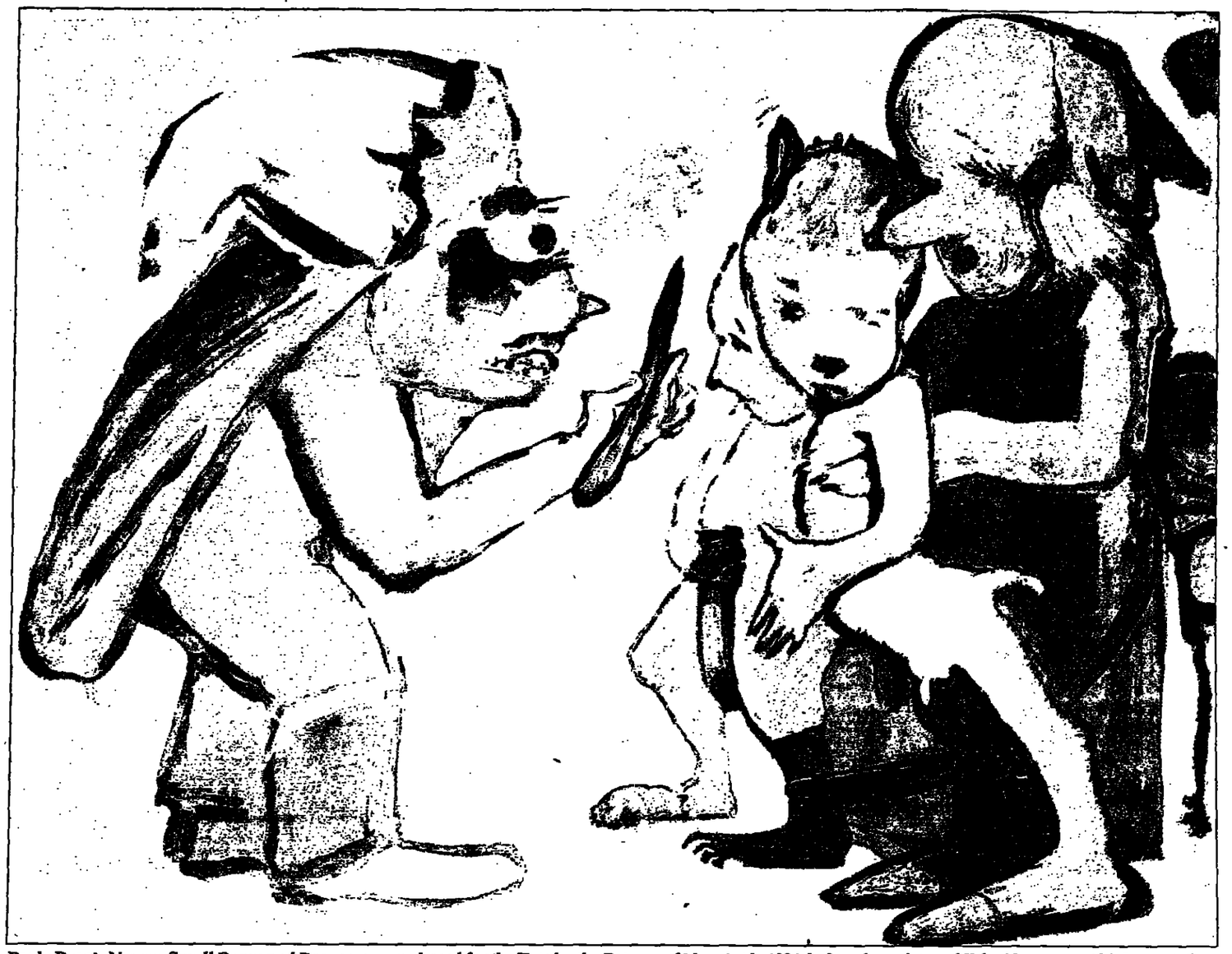
However much the risk of nuclear conflict might have diminished since Longo made his work a decade ago, *Sword of the Pig* does not simply prophesy the thawing of the Cold War. The threat implicit in the faceless body-builder still retains its overbearing menace, just as Anselm Kiefer's work continues to haunt us with the aftermath of the Second World War. Displayed like a Lutheran Bible on a stand as solemn as a lectern, his stoutly bound book called *The Rhine* is replete with images of annihilation. The *Bismarck*'s destruction is depicted in woodcut form, among pages united by an emphasis on the eponymous river. At once melancholy and powerful, the Rhine resembles both a watery burial-ground and a surging source of energy for the country through which it flows.

Fascinating though this 1981 book appears, it is no substitute for Kiefer's paintings of the same period. They are not represented in the Tate's collection, and I would have preferred to see the Patrons acquiring one of his great ravaged landscapes with their charred and deserted fields. Today, such things are doubtless beyond the means of the acquisitions committee. But in 1985, when *The Rhine* was presented to the Tate, they might still have been affordable.

The Patrons are not averse to paintings: the following year they bought Steven Campbell's quirky and claustrophobic *The Dangerous Early and Late Life of Lytton Strachey*, and in 1987 Susan Rothenberg's vertiginous dancer image *Vertical Spin*. Neither of them is as outstanding as it ought to have been, and Gerhard Richter's *St John* could hardly be ranked among his most impressive abstract canvases. Even so, Sean Scully's stoical *Paul* does have a special presence, its emotional impact surely reinforced by the death of the son whose name is commemorated in the title. And the Patrons have been adventurous in recent years, purchasing elaborate installations by Rebecca Horn and Ian Hamilton Finlay too large to be exhibited here.

If they had been included in the present show, along with Lothar Baumgarten's elaborate *Terra Incognita* with Bill Viola's newly acquired *Nantes Triptych*, the full significance of the Patrons' role in the Tate collection would become clear. I only hope their modest membership numbers increase rapidly, so that their expanding initiative can shame other British collectors into shedding their timid obsession with the past and supporting the art of the future.

● A Decade of Collecting: Patrons of New Art Gifts 1983-1993 *at the Tate (071-887 8000) until Jan 18. For more information about the Patrons, phone the Tate Development Office on 071-887 8743.*



Paula Rego's *Nanny, Small Bears and Bogeyman*, purchased for the Tate by the Patrons of New Art in 1984, before the artist established her current high reputation

GALLERIES: CRITICS CHOICE

● **BATHERS AND DANCERS:** John Buckland Wright's brand of discreet eroticism now looks very period, redolent of Thirties limited editions and the heyday of the Golden Cockerel Press. All the same, there is no doubting the artist's virtuosity in his chosen media of white line and silhouette engraving on wood or copper, or the brilliance of his draughtsmanship. Since his early death in 1954 there has been a dip in his reputation. Recently, however, there has been a revival of interest, currently exemplified by this show and the publication by the Fleece Press of *Bathers and Dancers*, a study of his engraved work, its preparation and production.
Austin/Desmond Fine Art, Pied Bull Yard, WC1. (071-242 4433) Monday-Friday 10.30am-5.30pm, until January 20 (closed December 22-January 5).

● **JAN KOUDELKA:** One of the star documentary photographers of the Magnum Agency, Koudelka has also been working in recent years on a series of more experimental pictures made primarily for his own satisfaction. A brand-new photographic gallery opens with the first showing of these Photographic Panoramas, in which Koudelka revives the Victorian convention for his own ends, playing with or abolishing perspective and sometimes edging towards abstraction in his use of extreme close-up or extreme long shot to free himself, and us, of traditional landscape expectations.
Zwemmer Fine Photographs, 28 Denmark Street, WC2 (071-379 6248) Tuesday-Saturday 11.00am-7.00pm, until February 11.

● **FIONA RAE/JIMMIE DURHAM:** Rae was a Turner Prize finalist two years ago and paints free-form abstraction. Durham is described as a Cherokee artist, essayist, political activist and stand-up comedian. His work in carving and assemblage is surrealist-related, sophisticated and iconoclastic.
Institute of Contemporary Art The Mall SW1. (071 930 3647) Daily 12noon 7.30pm Tues to 9pm Dec 17 to Feb 20. Day membership £1.50.

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Going for a song

ARTS BRIEFING

TWO familiar faces return to the London stage in 1994. Jonathan Pryce, last seen in the West End playing the oily Engineer in *Miss Saigon*, has been signed up for the no-less-disreputable role of Fagin when Lionel Bart's *Oliver!* opens at the Palladium next November. Cameron Mackintosh's production will be directed by Sam Mendes.

Earlier in the same theatre, Topol will recreate his most famous role, Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, when a 30th anniversary production opens in June. When Topol first played the role here the show ran for nearly 2,000 nights. No chance of that this time: *Fiddler* will have a strictly limited 12-week season.

● OPERA attendances have soared over the past five years, according to government statistics revealed last week. The number of Britons attending opera increased by 30 per cent to 2.8 million over the period. A written Commons answer from Peter Brooke, the Heritage Secretary, also stated that a further seven million people "now have an interest in the art form".

Yeats on screen

FOLLOWING cinema's recent infatuation with the writings of E.M. Forster, Henry James and Edith Wharton, can we possibly be on the cusp of a flirtation with W.B. Yeats? Two indications suggest this improbable alliance. One of Yeats's later plays, *The Words Upon the Window-Pane*, an account of a Dublin seance that summons up the spirit of Jonathan Swift, is in production under first-time director Mary McGuckian, with a cast including Ian Richardson and the Geraldines Chaplin and James.

Angelica Huston, meanwhile, is scheduled to make her own directing debut for producer Jeremy Thomas with a film about Yeats's early love for the actress and firebrand Maud Gonne. Huston's Addams Family alter ego, Morticia, would no doubt approve of the title: *Terrible Beauty*.



Capturing the essence of poetry in motion: Degas's Spanish Dancer, now on show at the Burrell Collection

Dance to the music of bronze

Andrew Gibbon Williams reviews the Burrell Collection's Degas show

Imperious and gamine, Degas's best-known sculpture, the *Little 14-Year-Old Dancer*, is currently holding court at Glasgow's Burrell Collection. She is an unsettling presence, both on account of the faded tutu, bodice and hair ribbon which gives this bronze doll the air of some decorated icon, and because of her overwhelming naturalism: at any moment one expects this perky lass to prance into a *grand jeté*.

Degas exhibited the even spookier-looking original wax, sporting real hair and stockings in addition to the aforementioned accessories, at the sixth Impressionist exhibition in 1881. Entombed in a glass showcase, she was the first and only sculpture he exhibited in his lifetime. In this respect the work was a one-off. Degas later insisting that he sculpted only in order to give his pictures "more expression and life".

But to assume from this lack of public ambition that Degas was less serious about his waxes than his two-dimensional work would be wrong. On the contrary, as the 70-or-so bronzes cast from remains found in the late artist's studio attest, this pre-eminent Impressionist lavished intense energy and care on realising horses, females bathing and, of course, dancers, in three dimensions.

Modelling a stationary figure is hard enough, one in movement almost impossible. Yet Degas's sculpted dancers, whether balanced precariously or more securely posed two feet on the ground, exude a sense of imminent movement.

Captivating though the dancers are, Degas's masterly touch is even more apparent in his modelling of nude females engaged in less self-conscious, more mundane activities. A figure rubbing her back with a sponge is the essence of that awkward business: washing one's back. The torso of another is oddly but convincingly contorted by attempting the same while seated in an armchair.

How Degas achieved such astonishingly naturalistic effects is, of course, no mystery. Daily confronted by the model, the artist trained his observational faculty to such an extent that the results suggest magic. His quickfire sketches show how rapidly he could accurately transcribe a pose while still indicating volume and form. According to reports of visitors to his studio, Degas would stride about, himself adopting the poses in which he placed his models.

But the relationship between these sculptures and the many more oils and pastels depicting similar subjects is something of a mystery. Since Degas regarded himself first and foremost a painter, and since many of his pictures evince an almost spectacularly flat appearance, it is not unreasonable to ask: what exactly was Degas getting out of his manipulation of wire, wax, corks and the other multifarious materials he employed?

Without the benefit of a precise chronology and since so many of Degas's fragile waxes bit the dust, guesses about the relationship are destined to remain just that. But at least at the Burrell Collection, where a selection of fine pictures by Degas is also on show, one can endlessly refer back and forth between two and three dimensions.

Needless to say, many of the ballerinas' poses are repeated by the colourful clothed dancers in the pictures, and yet in these Degas seems to have switched priorities: it is no longer accuracy of pose which primarily interests him, but the rhythms within the various groupings. Indeed, the stances of many of the figures look peculiar and fictitious.

All this implies that when Degas had his fingers in the wax he was merely limbering up for the stage performance on the canvas. Once he got on stage he felt free to improvise seductively beautiful visual fibs, leaving the pure, unsullied truth trapped in little wax dolls that he never intended should see the light of an art gallery.

● Degas in Bronze: A Collection of Sculptures by Degas from the Museu de Arte de San Paulo *at the Burrell Collection, Pollok Country Park, Glasgow (041-649 7151) until March 13*

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

THE CHILDRENS SOCIETY A lunchtime carol service in aid of the society is held today
St Mary Le Bow, Cheapside, EC2 Today, 1.05-2pm Admission free.

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Richard Jones's restaging of *Die Fledermaus* certainly points in the right direction after its disastrous reception two years ago. Ridding himself of most of the superfluous, distracting floss reveals the lean bones of a rather sharp reading of the piece. Vivien Tierney sings a gorgeously sly comedy performance. Rosemary Joshua presents a brilliantly sung and vivaciously acted Adele (evening only). Donald Maxwell takes on the role of Eisenstein. Noel Davis conducts the matinee performance. Jerzy Maksymiuk, the evening
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161). Today, 2.30 and 7.30pm ◪

PETER PAN Black Light Theatre of Prague premiere their latest show using live actors, puppets and flying objects. Barrie's fairytale sounds a natural subject
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Opens today, 3pm and 7pm. Performances this week on 22nd and 23rd, 7pm, 26th at 3pm and 7pm. ◪

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM, Patsy Byrne plays the wild and wonderful medium, Madame Arcati, in **Blithe Spirit**, at the same time, Raymond Briggs's magical story **The Snowman** is brought to life through music and dance to add to the seasonal festivities. Howard Blake has extended his original score, performed live. Bill Alexander directs.
Repertory Theatre, Centenary Square (021-236 4455) *Blithe Spirit*: Dec 21, 22 and 23 at 7.30pm *Snowman*: Dec 21, 22, 23 at 10.30am and 2.30pm; Dec 27-Jan 1, 4pm and 7pm. Until Jan 29. ◪

EDINBURGH: Theatre Workshop presents a helter-skelter dash across the galaxy in **Jolly Robert and the Pirates from Space**. Meet beastly buccaneers, see floating treasure, witness the hoisting of the Jolly Robert and sing along to stirring sea shanties. A generally good fun chance for five-year-olds and over to laugh, cheer, boo and hiss at their favourite characters.
Theatre Workshop, Hamilton Place (031-226 5425). Tonight, 7pm; Wed, Thurs and Fri, 2pm and 7pm. ◪

LEEDS: Phyllida Lloyd directs **Opera North's** new staging of Britten's blend of spectacle, ceremony and intimacy that is his coronation opera *Gloriana*. Josephine Barstow sings the title role of Elizabeth I, with Thomas Randle, Susan Chilcott and Clive Bayley. Paul Daniel conducts. Original English text based on *Elizabeth and Essex*.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate (0532 459351/440971) Tonight, 7.15pm Next performance Jan 7. ◪

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: The London Group (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum**: Deities and Devotions: Hindu art; Kawanabe Kyosai (071-636 1555) ... **Festival Hall**: Bruce Chatwin's Photographs (071-928 3002) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: The Portrait Now; Thomas Eakins (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery**: Ken Kiff (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts**: Drawings from the J. Paul Getty Museum (071-439 7438) ... **Serpentine**: Richard Wentworth (071-402 6075) ... **Tate**: Writing on the Wall: women artists: Ben Nicholson, Turner's Vignettes (071-887 8008) ... **Victoria & Albert**: Gates of Mystery: Russian icons; 150 Years of the Christmas Card (071-938 8500).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◪ **ASPECTS OF LOVE** For the next three weeks Andrew Lloyd Webber will have six musicals running concurrently as this one returns for a short revival. Not one of the best.
Prince of Wales, Coventry St, WC2 (071-839 5972). Tonight, 7pm Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm Dec 24, 3pm only Until Jan 15

□ **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**: Described as "indescribably anarchic" and likely to be so as Ken Campbell directs the excellent Kate McKenzie and the alarming Chris Lynam in the leads.
BAC, Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (071-223 2223). Tonight-Thurs, 8pm.

□ **THE BFG** Roald Dahl's Big Friendly Giant makes his seasonally festive call on London.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115) Mon 7pm, Tue-Fri, 2pm and 7pm; Sat 11am, 2.30pm, 7pm Dec 24: 11am and 2.30pm only

◪ **CAROUSEL**: Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. Dec 24: 2.30pm only ◪

□ **JANE EYRE** Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith in the well-known romantic melodrama. Fay Weldon adapts, Helena Kaut-Howson directs.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, Sat 3pm Dec 24: 3pm only. ◪

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm. Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm No mat Dec 22; no perf Dec 27. ◪

□ **LOOKING THROUGH A GLASS ONION**: John Waters stars in his own musical tribute to John Lennon, and comes remarkably close to conveying his mysterious, if chaotic, charm.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488) Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 6pm and 9pm, no perf Dec 24, 27, 28. Dec 29 and 30, 5pm and 8pm.

◪ **MADNESS OF GEORGE III**: Nigel Hawthorne's award-winning performance of blasted, resilient monarchy. Limited performances only.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight and Wed, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2.15pm. ◪

□ **MERRY WIVES**: Barry Rutter brings his Northern Broadsides company - "launched as a vehicle for the Northern Voice" - down south for a rumbustious version of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat 7.45pm. Dec 24 and 31, 6pm only No perfs Dec 25, 27, Jan 3 Till Jan 15

□ **MOONLIGHT**: Ian Holm and Anna Massey in the West End transfer of Pinter's play: a sour civil servant, unmourned by his family, rages against his approaching death
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. No perf Dec 24, 25, 26. Closes Jan 1.

◪ **OLEANNA**: Power, politics and punishment at an American university Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Harold Pinter's production of David Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. No perf Dec 24. ◪

◪ **ONE MAN** Electrifying performances by Steven Berkoff in three solo pieces: Poe's *Telltale Heart*; *Actor*, and *Dog*, his hilarious, chilling view of life as seen by a lager lout's rottweiler.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm No perf Dec 24

□ **PIAF**: Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvellous.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm. Dec 24, 3pm only.

□ **RELATIVE VALUES**: Susan Hampshire, Sara Crowe and Alison Fiske head a strong cast in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy. Tim Luscombe directs. First seen at Chichester this summer.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Extra mat Dec 23 and 30, 3pm; no perf Dec 24, 31. ◪

◪ **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER**: Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes and David Essex in Peter Hall's revival of the evergreen Goldsmith comedy
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm Dec 24, 3pm only: Dec 28, 3pm and 7.45pm. ◪

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) .. □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) .. ◪ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) .. ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-580 8845) ... ◪ **Hot Stuff**: Cambridge (071-494 5040) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) .. ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) .. ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) .. □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) .. ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ■ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) .. □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

CINEMA PARADISO: THE SPECIAL EDITION (PG): Longer, inferior version of Giuseppe Tornatore's Oscar-winner about the life and loves of a Sicilian boy projectionist With Philippe Noiret and Salvatore Cascio.
Metro (071-437 0757)

THE METEOR MAN (PG). Timid Washington teacher turns superhero and cleans up the community. Bland, dishevelled, well-meaning fantasy from writer-director-star Robert Townsend.
Electric ◪ (071-792 2020)

◆ **ROBIN HOOD: MEN IN TIGHTS** (PG) Unfunny, outdated Sherwood Forest spoof from Mel Brooks, with Cary Elwes, Roger Rees, Richard Lewis
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES** (PG). A new baby causes chaos in America's most macabre household Overblown sequel, with good stretches With Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston; director, Barry Sonnenfeld.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **ALADDIN** (U) Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not match expectations, though Robin Williams' Genie is fun
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

AMERICAN HEART (15): Father and son hit the Seattle streets. Well-meaning social drama from director Martin Bell; with Jeff Bridges and Edward Furlong.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353)

◆ **DEMOLITION MAN** (15) Sylvester Stallone versus Wesley Snipes in 21st century L.A. Marco Brambilla's satirical if overblown action romp
MGMs: Fulham Road ◪ (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE FUGITIVE** (12) 1960s television series roars back to life with Harrison Ford and Tommy Lee Jones; director, Andrew Davis.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE PIANO** (15) Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel
Gate ◪ (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** ◪ (071-435 3366) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

IN THE LINE OF FIRE (15): Secret Service agent Clint Eastwood fights John Malkovich's psychopath and his own guilt. Directed by Wolfgang Petersen.
Odeon Mezzanine ◪ (0426 915683) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

IP5 (15): Yves Montand leeches two urban louts the wonders of nature and love Highly watchable, stylised twaddle from Jean-Jacques Beineix.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Chelsea Cinema** (071-351 3742)

THE REMAINS OF THE DAY (U): Merchant Ivory's coldly glamorous account of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel with Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson
Curzons: Mayfair (071-465 8865) **West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

RISING SUN (18). Murder at a Japanese conglomerate's LA headquarters. Philip Kaufman's botched if handsome adaptation of Michael Crichton's book.
Odeon Mezzanine ◪ (0426 915683)

◆ **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE** (PG): Smart but indulgent romantic comedy stars Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks Writer-director Nora Ephron
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574)

ROCK: Another of those nights in white satin

Going grey but going strong

Moody Blues
Brighton Centre

AS THIS South Coast audience left the less-than-packed venue, they talked of other recent concerts they had seen. Names mentioned included Shirley Bassey and Michael Ball. So it is putting it mildly to say that the seemingly indestructible Moody Blues are targeting the older enthusiast these days. The hall was full of 1973 haircuts and 1993 beer bellies. And the atmosphere, for the first half at least, was sedate bordering on anodyne.

Most of that was not the band's fault. But it was hardly surprising that the prospect of a bunch of 1960s survivors appearing to commit a new first in fuddy-duddyness — hiring an orchestra to take their hits into the James Last era — did not entice the bright young things of Brighton.

Few people have given the Moodys' recent records a second thought in Britain, but they have continued to be a touring force, particularly in America, where the steadfastness of their fans rivals that of any of the group's higher-profile peers. Indeed, next year they celebrate 30 years since the original lineup formed in Birmingham, scrapping an early and unglamorous living on the club circuit.

The original Moodys' 1965 No 1, "Go Now", never appears in the set these days, and has little to do with the sound adopted by the band shortly after the arrival of Justin Hayward and John Lodge on *Days of Future Passed*, their sleeper hit recorded in 1967. One of the earliest concept albums, it set them on a path of lush, ambitious and often richly-orchestrated recordings, always more openly romantic than their conceptualising contemporaries such as Pink Floyd and Emerson Lake and Palmer.

Two and a half decades on, the impact of that breakthrough album on the group is still worn with pride, and the presence of the Wren Orchestra and the arrangements of leader Larry Baird gave fresh legs to songs from it, such as "Tuesday Afternoon" and the perennial "Nights in White Satin". Here and elsewhere the focal point was Hayward, and he showed that his vocal and guitar techniques remain impeccable. And when the combination with the orchestra was good, it was very good, especially on the first half's closing "The Story in Your Eyes", and an energetic "I'm Just a Singer (In a Rock and Roll Band)".

But there were occasions when the orchestral arrangements merely over-egged the pre-Christmas pudding. The group (Hayward, Lodge and original members Ray Thomas and Graeme Edge) were louder, looser and better without them on "Say It With Love" and "Your Wildest Dreams", two of their best songs of the last decade. Edge was sometimes relegated to tambourine by a second drummer, and there were some signs that they may have over-toured, particularly in Lodge's cornball compere routine. But the strength of their repertoire, most of it admittedly from a rock era long since departed, is undeniable. Songs such as "Question" and "Isn't Life Strange" can still stir a few stumps.

The door back to rock credibility has now been bolted behind them, and their taste in disastrous shirts does not help. But these case-hardened campaigners will break the tape on that 30th anniversary with a little spare puff. They look set to continue comfortably into Moody Greyness.

PAUL SEXTON

JULIAN HERBERT



Justin Hayward, the focus of all the Moody Blues' songs, showed that his vocal and guitar technique still remain impeccable

LONDON CONCERTS: Resplendent Respighi; and the choral masterpieces of William Byrd

Dazzling on the surface

LPO/Jansons
Festival Hall

UNLIKE his earlier *Fountains of Rome*, Respighi's *Pines of Rome* was intended only superficially as an aural depiction of the city. Nature was used more as a point of departure, the composer said, "to recall memories and visions". The difference in the end-product is a subtle one, and the chief challenge for the conductor remains to convince his hearers that these four portraits in sound have real substance as well as surface gloss.

About the latter there is no doubt. From the opening bars of his performance with the London Philharmonic on Sunday night, Mariss Jansons conjured up that brilliant sound world that so readily characterises Respighi's music. Not for nothing was the Italian composer a pupil of the master colourist Rimsky-Korsakov.

The first movement, depicting the children playing in the pine groves of the Villa Borghese, is the most glittering, but the least suggestive, of the four. With the second, the expressive level deepens as we hear the intoning of plainsong from the catacombs. Richard Hosford's eloquent clarinet playing set the scene in the third movement for the (real) song of the nightingale, recorded and relayed through loudspeakers (Respighi's own curiously prescribed attempt at realism).

The finale moves from the evocation of ghostly marching on the Appian Way to a full-throated paean of celebration. The appearance of brass reinforcements from rear doors all added to the drama, and the roof-raising final bars unleashed one of the most thrilling codas the Festival Hall can ever have resounded to.

Most impressive of all was the way Jansons generated this tremendous climax not with hyper-energetic bodily movements but with measured gestures, his arms cleaving the air in powerful strokes. He does not waste energy on the superficial, which is why his interpretation of a work like the *Pines of Rome* is worth catching. It would be an exaggeration to say that it fully convinced one of any great substance beneath the dazzling surface, but it came pretty near.

Jansons's masterly control of massive forces was also evident in his handling of Verdi's Four Sacred Pieces, in which the London Philharmonic Choir acquitted themselves respectably across the acres of treacherously unaccompanied part-writing. The theatrical outbursts in the "Stabat Mater" and "Te Deum" were delivered with more than enough electrical energy to compensate for Verdi's rather pedestrian writing elsewhere.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Before the nine lessons

King's College Choir/Cleobury
St John's, Smith Square

IN ADVANCE of its annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve, the choir of King's College Chapel, Cambridge, gave the first of seven programmes which make up this week's Christmas Advent festival at St John's, Smith Square. Other concerts in the series will range from *Messiah* to Messiaen and beyond, and the Cambridge visitors also contrasted music of the past in the context of the present.

Heirs to a choral tradition now more than 550 years old, the choristers from King's bestowed abundant grace and style on the renowned Five-Part Mass by William Byrd, the recusant Catholic in post-Reformation 16th-century England whose Catholic music was probably sung clandestinely and yet was also published during his lifetime. How much it must have lifted the hearts of those who sang or heard it was vividly apparent in this performance.

Stephen Cleobury, the choir's director of music, conducted with firm rhythm and phrasing. He was possibly a shade rigid in places where more subtlety could have illuminated the verbal sentiments, but brought due weight to the middle voices. Sections of the Mass were interspersed to engaging effect with motet-texts from the votive Mass for Our Lady in Advent, and the "Credo" was enclosed within two ornate Fantasias skilfully played by David Goode at the organ.

He also played the dozen or so *Variations on a Noel* by Marcel Dupré, which took the organ into some extremes of registration. It divided up a second half which began with a Brahms motet — Brahms at his most vocally contrapuntal — and the emotionally charged *Friede auf Erden* (Peace on Earth) where Schoenberg's harmonic clashes held no problems for the unbroken boys' voices any more than for the men. This was virtuoso singing.

Four of the carols commissioned each year since 1982 by Stephen Cleobury for the Festival of Lessons and Carols were fascinating when heard in succession. They included one by Arvo Pärt, unusually jaunty in a kind of Orthodox equivalent to "Ave Maria"; Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, compressing much into little with verses from his favoured Orkney poet, Mackay Brown; John Tavener's peaceable view of William Blake's "The Lamb", and Judith Weir's richly imaginative setting of a 15th-century Scottish text in "Illuminare Jerusalem" to which the choir responded with sustained beauty and gravity.

NOEL GOODWIN

ENTERTAINMENTS

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Back into the valley of death

TELEVISION: **Lynne Truss** has good news for fans of murder with a message — La Plante is back on form, and Mirren fine as ever in the latest *Prime Suspect*



(From left) WPC Kathy Bibby (Liza Sadovy), DCI Jane Tennison (Helen Mirren) and Sergeant Bill Otley (Tom Bell) on the trail of a paedophile ring in *Prime Suspect 3*

I suppose Lynda La Plante receives them by every post, those PhD theses on the phenomenon of *Prime Suspect* 3 (ITV). I am a bit busy to tackle one at present, but I will gladly suggest a title for anyone who is interested. It goes like this. *Prime Suspects 1, 2 and 3: An Investigation into the Steady Deterioration of Sex Life and Nutrition in the Character of DCI Jane Tennison (Helen Mirren), with special reference to Men, Fresh Pasta, Nicotine Chewing Gum, and Crisps.*



Lynda La Plante: back on successful ground

Let's face it, DCI Tennison is great. If ever I grow important enough, I will certainly insist on "Ma'am" as my appellation. But on the other hand she doesn't eat properly, and she is only comfortable with blokes when she is bawling them out. "Right, sergeant, I'm not going to take any crap from you," she barked at Otley (Tom Bell) straight off on Sunday night, day one at the Vice Squad in Soho. As she knew from experience, Otley required a firm hand. Indeed, he had already made an impertinent office-furniture pun, in front of everybody, about attempting to loosen her drawers. Her taste in lovers is abysmal, moreover. In the first *Prime Suspect*, she flat-shared heroically with the lugubrious Tim Wilkinson, but he finally deserted her because, in the heat of nailing a serial killer, she unforgivably let him down over some tortellini. In *Prime Suspect 2*, she allowed that stunning tall black policeman to cook a meal at her flat, but when the compromising goodnight kiss pictures appeared in the tabloids she instantly regretted it, and wished she'd settled for some solitary Marmite toast.

Perhaps these culinary disasters explain why she eschewed food altogether in *Prime Suspect 3*, and got the improbable love interest out of the way early. But that guy was a creep in any case. An American expert on serial killers, he was the sort of man who talks animatedly to his girlfriend about "the fluid from the blisters showing no sign of vital reaction". Come to think of it, perhaps this is another reason why Tennison's appetite for sex and comestibles was not quite as robust as it ought to be.

A lot of people felt let down by *Prime Suspect 2*. The theme of police racism was heavy-handed, the plot was harsh, sociological and over-complicated, and, crucially, the identity of the murderer was easily divined. But *Prime Suspect 3*, written by La Plante after a seriously iffy patch (such duds as *Civvies* and *Seekers*), was a welcome return to form.

Again it tackled a Big Issue (homosexual and under-age prostitution); again the revelation of the true murderer was not exactly a gobsmacker (you could tell by his limp haircut and Grecian 2000 that Edward Parker-Jones was a sadistic pervert of the first magnitude); but the overall interest of the piece was refocused back where it was in the original Marlow plot — on the stories told in the interview room, on the intriguingly unreadable close-ups of people refusing to tell the truth.

The story of the death of rent boy Colin Jenkins turned out to be remarkably simple: it just took four gruelling hours for Tennison to get people to admit their part in it. Hampered but undeterred by some very unequivocal orders to drop the case (because of the inevitable involvement of an Assistant Deputy Commissioner in a paedophile ring), Tennison was forever hauling in the same suspects until she finally got someone to crack. "I want Martin Fletcher back here; get me Jackson again; where's that journalist, I'll speak to her later."

As with all good detection stories, La Plante fairly laid out her clues from the start. If, in the end, the linchpin was Vera Reynolds — a brutalised transsexual played brilliantly by Peter Capaldi in flamboyant blouses and runny mascara — you could think back to his/her first reaction to the fire that killed his friend, reaching to touch the precious charred snapshots on the coffee table, the unauthorised plundering of which by a tabloid journalist had made him hit Colin with an ashtray.

The final confrontation with the evil Parker-Jones (Ciaran Hinds) was no climax, more a dying fall. But that was OK: Capaldi had already legitimately stolen the show, and Parker-Jones was going to get away with setting the boy on fire. David Thewlis was well cast as the Dickensianly monstrous Jimmy Jackson — lurking, spider-like, at railway stations and picking up runaway kids — but the mean curled-lip contempt needed a bit more variation, and it wasn't clear why he finally changed his story.

Will Tennison learn to eat again? Will she ever have a decent boyfriend? In the course of *Prime Suspect 3*, she learnt she was pregnant; but by the end she had heard so much about child abuse that she arranged a termination.

Next time we meet her, she may be a Superintendent, *and she must not be allowed to survive on chewing gum.* By the way, though, I wasn't really serious about the PhD. I think it's a terrible idea.

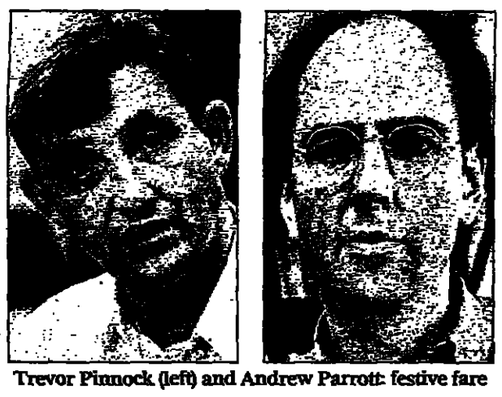
Silent nights and holy days

Christmas records come in all styles, from medieval carols to Diana Ross

Year after year the record companies, knowing the market to be insatiable, dutifully release their annual collections of Christmas carols. There are two basic varieties. Those performed by cathedral choirs generally represent the more acceptable kind, although once you have heard one you have heard them all. But if you really want to buy a record of mostly very familiar carols sung expertly but in a familiar way, then **Westminster Cathedral Choir's** *Adeste fideles* on Hyperion (CDA 66668) is a model of its kind. No cherubic choirboys on the booklet cover either.

The less palatable genre of Christmas record is the one found under the banner of easy listening, whatever that is. Its fundamental ghastliness is epitomised this year by Sony's *Christmas in Vienna* (SK 53358). This has **Diana Ross, Placido Domingo** and **José Carreras** — not exactly a threesome made in heaven — in syrupy arrangements accompanied by the Vienna Symphony Orchestra and by the requisite celestial choir of boys. Hearing it is rather like consuming a Christmas tree's-worth of chocolate Santas before breakfast, while suffering from a hangover.

But the Christmas hard-sell applies also to music's more serious side. With the CD-buying public now apparently keen to discover rarer repertoire, the recording companies have had to look for some imaginative programming. Deutsche Grammophon's Archiv label has come up with two discs whose covers discreetly bear the inscription *Christmas in Rome*. Both feature recordings made in the 5th-century basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in that city. A video cassette version (072 147-3) of both recordings is also available. Channel 4 will be broadcasting it in three half-hour instalments on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.



Trevor Pinnock (left) and Andrew Parrott: festive fare

The first disc (437 833-2) is a spectacular reconstruction by **Paul McCreesh** and the **Gabrieli Consort** of what the Third Mass on Christmas Day might have sounded like in this church around 1620. The disc is not intended as a literal reconstruction, but as a conjectural sequence of chronologically and geographically appropriate music.

It includes the plainchant proper to that service, linking a huge variety of polyphonic music that ranges from Josquin's solemnly beautiful motet "Praeter rerum seriem" to Carissimi's "Desiderata nobis" and "Exulta, gaude" — both surely rather late for the suggested date.

But the service is centred on Palestrina's imposing and ingenious parody mass "Hodie Christus natus est". This was actually recorded in All Saints' Church, Tooting, south London, as was the chant, the organ pieces and one motet. An obvious acoustic difference can be discerned between the two locations — the background sounds and sense of space are not the same — but transitions are cleverly overlaid.

The playing and singing are well-directioned and idiomatic; the music — which also includes Victoria's "O magnum mysterium", a particularly lovely motet, "Nasceris, alme puer", by Domenico Mazzochi, and organ and instrumental pieces by Frescobaldi — is unfailingly glorious. Disappointingly, the video does not show any church ceremonial, and omits all of the plainchant and some polyphony.

The second disc (437 834-2), given by **The English Concert** and **Trevor Pinnock**, has entirely different aims and consists simply of three early 18th-century works more or less associated with Rome and Christmas. Of these, only Alessandro Scarlatti's graceful cantata for solo soprano, "O di Betlemme altera", can claim to be a rarity. The last of its three arias is particularly affecting, and Nancy Argenta sings it with poise.

From the same artistic circles, patronised by the moneyed Roman cardinals, probably emerged Corelli's celebrated Christmas Concerto, Op 6 No 8. Pinnock and his charges give this work affectionately, while Vivaldi's celebratory and vibrant D major Gloria, which has no specific association with Christmas and nor, as far as we know, with Rome, fills the second half. All of it is contained on the video cassette.

EMI's approach to the season has been to present sometimes familiar carols in unfamiliar light. **Andrew Parrott's** *Carol Album 2*, given with his **Taverner Consort, Choir and Players** (EMI CDC 7 54902), strips accrued traditions from both well-known and lesser-known examples. It begins and ends, for instance, seemingly conventionally, with "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing".

But the former is performed by solo voices and Elizabethan consort, as befits a tune composed by Christopher Tye, while the latter has men's voices, trumpets, horns, trombones and ophicleide, just as in Mendelssohn's *Festgesang*, where the music originally surfaced. Such context-sensitive treatment characterises everything on this well-researched disc: John Jacob Niles's pseudo-folk carols even come with American accents.

Just as refreshing is a recording for Harmonia Mundi by the American female vocal quartet **Anonymous 4**, called *On Yoolis Night* (907099). The repertoire here comes from English sources dating from between the 13th and 15th centuries, and includes carols, plainsong antiphons, hymns, polytextual motets and a couple of straightforward songs, all delivered in a sweet, if rather sexless, style. My favourite tracks are the mesmerisingly weaving rondellus "De supernis sedibus" and the monophonic ballad-carol "Lullay, lullay: *Als I lay on Yoolis night*", given here with haunting vocal drones. The presentation is impeccable.

STEPHEN PETTITT

THEATRE

Badly received pronunciation

The Merry Wives
Lyric, Hammersmith

SHAKESPEARE, probably against EC and PC regulations, blithely took the mickey out of foreign and regional locution. Even before standardised spelling, the French, Welsh, Irish and Scots were a phonetic hoot. Now Barrie Rutter's Northern Broadsides is taking the Windsor out of Shakespeare's *Merry Wives*.

The company members, as the name suggests, are from the north of England. Granted, they still jocularly twit Gallic and Gaelic eccentricities, but they rightly take their native accents seriously, rejecting the appropriation of the Bard by Southern-based Received Pronunciation.

The trouble is Rutter's production is not very funny and gets lost in space. The costumes support the northern setting but — traversing decades, and spanning shell-suits, squirearchical knee-breeches and tweed jackets — produce a mélange that does not ring true.

Perhaps the mix reflects an expansiveness in the play: Sir John Falstaff's social circle certainly spread wide. Still, the modern styles allotted to characters can go wide of the mark. Falstaff's Host, a 1970s dude, all bared chest and gold chains, appears positively schizophrenic when chastely shouting upstairs: "My chambers are honourable."

Moreover, the show's Poor Theatre-style looks like a country cousin on the Lyric's large, proscenium arched, raised stage — not so much a black box as a black hole (although heaven forbid that this endangered theatre should go dark for good).

Although acting on the narrow apron stage might be intended to create intimacy, I felt I was watching a living relief sculpture: with people only half-way to three-dimensionality. Some characters are bland, others caricatured.

John Gully, playing Slender, talks in a little-boy voice that is more tiresome than endearing. The sheer number of times he bashfully tugs at his pullover is stretching a joke. The stylisation of physicality is, in itself, not the problem. It is that the cast have not got these characters under their skin and they do not touch the heart.

Rutter's Falstaff is amusingly unvirile, with blubbery spare inches swelling out of his slacks. He has brief lovability, after his dunking, when wrapped in a dressing gown and distinctly ruffled and, at the end, as an obviously rotten rutter, sporting Chopper handlebars instead of stag horns. But he hurries lines and has clearly not plumped for either being immersed in a scene or giving the audience a glance. He does not appear to have a director's eye and would surely act better under someone else's.

But Polly Hemingway (Mistress Page), ably supported by Elizabeth Estensen (Mistress Ford), is outstanding.

KATE BASSETT

DANCE: **Nadine Meisner** on two ballets aimed mainly at children

A good time had by the small

The Nutcracker
Covent Garden

A WHILE back, rumour had it that the Royal Ballet was about to ditch its *Nutcracker* by Peter Wright, but here it is again after a three-year absence. Actually, I wish it was replaced. Much as I admire Wright's later version for Birmingham Royal Ballet, this *Nutcracker* is an anticlimax. Perhaps this derives from the production's tastefulness, a quality taken to such vertiginous heights that the outcome is stifling dullness.

The multitude of children at the Saturday matinee seemed happy enough, though. I doubt they understood Wright's tortuous narrative framework, which brings Petipa's scenario closer to its equally involved Hoffman source; but then I don't think many adults understood it either. However, that does not really matter when you can concentrate on the familiar central action of the Stahlbaums' Christmas party and Clara's subsequent fantastical adventures.

And here comes the rub. Julia Trevelyan Oman's leaden designs weigh down the party scene with their literal clutter, sabotaging the magic of the Kingdom of Sweets with rigid architecture and washed-out tints, as though everything has been in the machine hot cycle too often. The cast exudes suffocating reserve, from the party guests (even the children are reticent) to the genteel divertissement dances. Only the orchestra, led by Barry Wordsworth, provides any real intensity of feeling and colour.

Leanne Benjamin and Tetsuya Kumakawa as the Sugar Plum Fairy and her prince did not entirely escape the general blight. Kumakawa showed off his airborne pyrotechnics, his outlines crisp, his fancy jumps finishing in deep pliés. Benjamin could not be faulted with her steadiness, her careful use of her eyes and exact rhythms that kept her always on top of the music.



DEE CONWAY

Tetsuya Kumakawa and Leanne Benjamin do magic

Belinda Hatley is not tall, but she moved in the Waltz of the Flowers with the creamy inflections that give her dancing another dimension: she goes beyond the mere mirroring of the music's tempi to its soul. Stephen Jefferies brought as much drama as anyone can to a Drosselmeyer, who is much present but curiously attenuated. And welcome to Justin Meissner, whose attractive impact as the Nutcracker owed less to his pretty gold-dusted wig than to a personable appearance and forcefully articulated mime.

Ballet Imperial
Covent Garden

JUDGING by the little horror who protested loudly through the first half of the Royal Ballet's double bill, I am not the only one to find it poor value.

Ballet Imperial, which starts the evening, pleases the grown-ups but must be a fidget for children who want character and action. They, on the other hand are delighted by *Tales of Beatrix Potter*, which is what they have come to see, while the rest of us feel old and choreographically under-nourished.

Ballet Imperial is what is known as plotless — that is, without a narrative, but woven through with emotional threads that make it other than abstract. Over the years Balanchine toned down some of the drama, excising the brief mime and even, for his own company, changing the title to match the music: *Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No 2*. Nevertheless, the different layers remain.

You can read the ballet as a pure-dance homage to Petipa, Tchaikovsky and the hierarchical Russian imperial ballet, the leading ballerina framed like a sumptuous jewel by different gradations of dancers. You can also see in it the account of a romance, with a meeting, followed by doubts, and then a closing reconciliation.

Darcey Bussell and her partner Jonathan Cope bring this last aspect out vividly from the beginning, darting round each other and exchanging smiles in demure flirtation.

In the middle section Cope resembles Siegfried in *Swan Lake*, searching for Bussell among rushing lines and corridors of dancers; while she seems increasingly reluctant to be drawn towards him, leaving him alone, bowing gravely to the audience, in a moment of high formality and pathos. Cope proves an ideal complement to Bussell: elegant and chivalrous. This is a ballet that fits his style like a glove — as it does Bussell's — although to achieve absolute perfection he needs to project more.

Bussell's sweeping, assertive lines and steady balances make beautifully legible the choreographic motifs — arms flaring out in a *croisé* pose, leg stretching out in a profile *fondu arabesque*.

This rather eluded Fiona Chadwick's more understated performance (also with Cope) the previous night. Chadwick is a dancer's dancer with her deft musicality, but lacks Bussell's long silhouette and grandeur.

Benazir Hussein's personality fizzes wonderfully as the ballet's other, more junior ballerina. She will acquire even greater allure once she reduces her over-generous quota of flashing smiles and learns from Bussell how to wrap her long legs round small turns and beats.

The cast generally could move with more breadth and attack. However, Sara Gallie and Sarah Wildor continue to shine in the two coryphée roles, Wildor combining precision with a sensitive mobility of her upper body.

Delicately proportioned as she is, not even she can make me like the women's tutus. Am I alone in finding Berman's costumes, as reproduced here, drab and badly cut?

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Money talks in World Cup draw

Ireland forced to boldly soldier on into heat of battle

FROM ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN LAS VEGAS

NOW that the wagon is rolling towards the World Cup USA '94, it is symptomatic that the kick-off should come in June in a stadium in Chicago named Soldier Field. Symptomatic because, while to be in this World Cup at all is a joy and potentially a profitable privilege, there is a fear that the style and stamina of the play will be sacrificed to the gods of television and sponsorship, like soldiers sacrificed to war.

Where Ireland are concerned, this aspect is heightened by their failure to persuade the American organisers to grant their wish to play in Boston and, instead, to draw the group based in New York and Orlando, where it can be much hotter than Boston and where the Irish expatriates were waiting in their droves for their boys.

The apparent disregard for the fitness of the competitors is now more concerning than the suspicion that the Americans will adulterate the sport should the flame permanently catch fire in the 196th country to join the family of football.

The vastness of the United States means that, from east to west coast, there is a three-hour time gap that the body-clock finds harder to accommodate than the crossing of the Atlantic. Take, for example, a player of the surging power and athletic performance of Roy Keane. If Manchester United go all the way in cups as well as the league, he is likely to arrive in New York next June with precious little rest or time to acclimatise after a season of 60 or so games.

And although Jack Charlton, the Ireland manager, is right to assume that the experience and quality of Italy is something to be wary of, he is even more correct in pointing out that the last thing he would have wanted was a 12.30pm kick-off against Mexico in Orlando.

The midday start is a surrender to television by Fifa, football's world governing body. The purpose is to catch the widest net of viewers in countries as far apart as Europe, eight or nine hours east of the States, and the burgeoning market in Japan, nine hours in the other direction.

Mexico, also annoyed at being placed far from their supporters, are a team of small, quick, economic passers of the ball, which many in Latin America believe can reach the quarter-finals at least. They are also likely to have had more acclimatisation to conditions that will favour them. Charlton, however, remains philosophical and ever competitive. What else would you expect?

Alas, Orlando is as steamy as it will get in the finals, apart from Dallas, where temperatures soar towards 100°F in July. But the Irish have drawn it, they will have to be adaptable and, with three points for a win, they have no choice but to run until they drop.

Their consolation is that not even Brazilians can take happily to such extremes. Brazil pulverised Germany in Washington for 30 minutes last summer but wilted and conceded a 3-0 lead in a temperature of 93°F and humidity even higher. They blamed fatigue on their 11-month, 70-match league structure.

Which sides will be the best equipped to cope next summer? South Americans feel it will be the rhythmic and explosive Colombians. Others suspect that Nigeria, Cameroon or Morocco will further the African advance in heat that suits them.

Morocco are in the group that includes Holland, the conquerors of England, along with Saudi Arabia, one of the teams perceived as a hidden force. The Saudis recently hired Leo Beenhakker, a Dutchman, as manager. His first discussion with the prince who runs football was to map out a programme that takes the players away from their clubs for three months' preparation.

They begin in the south of France then move to South America for acclimatisation. Beenhakker then proposed taking the players home for a week with their families before the final assault on the World Cup. "I have a better idea," the shaikh told him. He then suggested providing a plane to take the wives and children of the Saudi players to the south of France.

Money talks in football and, when it buys the time and peace of mind of the performers, it might be crucial.

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

GROUP A: June 18: United States v Switzerland (Detroit); Colombia v Romania (Los Angeles). June 22: US v Colombia (Los Angeles); Romania v Switzerland (Detroit). June 26: US v Romania (Los Angeles); Switzerland v Colombia (San Francisco).

GROUP B: June 19: Cameroon v Sweden (Los Angeles). June 20: Brazil v Russia (San Francisco). June 24: Brazil v Cameroon (San Francisco); Sweden v Russia (Detroit). June 28: Brazil v Sweden (Detroit); Russia v Cameroon (San Francisco).

GROUP C: June 17: Germany v Bolivia (Chicago); Spain v South Korea (Dallas). June 21: Germany v Spain (Chicago). June 23: South Korea v Bolivia (Boston). June 27: Germany v South Korea (Dallas); Bolivia v Spain (Chicago).

GROUP D: June 21: Argentina v Greece (Boston), Nigeria v Bulgaria (Dallas). June 25: Argentina v Nigeria (Boston). June 26: Bulgaria v Greece (Chicago). June 30: Argentina v Bulgaria (Dallas); Greece v Nigeria (Boston).

GROUP E: June 18: Italy v Ireland (New York). June 19: Norway v Mexico (Washington). June 23: Italy v Norway (New York). June 24: Mexico v Ireland (Orlando). June 28: Italy v Mexico (Washington); Ireland v Norway (New York).

GROUP F: June 19: Belgium v Morocco (Orlando). June 20: Holland v Saudia Arabia (Washington). June 25: Belgium v Holland (Orlando); Saudi Arabia v Morocco (New York). June 29: Belgium v Saudi Arabia (Washington); Morocco v Holland (Orlando).

SECOND ROUND (top two in each group qualify): July 2: at Chicago and Washington. July 3: at Los Angeles and Dallas. July 4: at San Francisco and Orlando. July 5: at Boston and New York.

QUARTER-FINALS: July 9: at Boston and Dallas. July 10: at San Francisco and New York.

SEMI-FINALS: July 13: at Los Angeles and New York. Third place play-off: July 16: at Los Angeles.

FINAL: July 17: at Los Angeles.

Carter's skill reached sublime level

David Miller rejoices about a national hero whose footballing style was a fulfilment of ordinary men's dreams



Carter, a superb inside forward, made the ball talk. Like the best gymnasts or acrobats, he had perfect balance, and with it perfect ball control

Horatio "Raich" Carter, who is 80 today, is a unique figure in sport: someone whose fame, never mind that the majority for whom he was a national hero had seldom seen him perform, far exceeded mere achievement.

For a generation spanning the years either side of the Second World War, Carter defined English football in the way that Matthews or Finney did, though none of them was truly representative of the way most English footballers played the game. Carter's football was a concept, an ideal, the fulfilment of ordinary men's dreams. Few in the artistic field — and Carter made the game an art — created such an impression on so slim an international portfolio. A James Dean of football.

To put it in perspective, Carter meant more to his generation than ever Glenn Hoddle did to his, and Carter had a fifth the number of Hoddle's international caps.

The bare bones of his career are unexceptional enough: captain of Sunderland when they ran away with the league title by eight points in 1936 and when they beat Preston North End 3-1 in the FA Cup final the following year after being one down at half-time; and a mere 13 caps, six before the war, seven afterwards. Never mind the width, feel the quality.

As they used to say of Shackleton — similarly ignored by the selectors though hardly more so — and Mannion, Carter made the ball talk. Like the greatest of gymnasts or acrobats, he had perfect balance, and with it perfect ball control. It is one of football's myths that England's greatest forward line was Matthews, Carter, Lawton, Mannion and Finney, for they never all played together.

Carter was my hero, among others, because I listened, aged 11, to my first Cup Final in 1946, entranced by Raymond Glendenning's animated description of that partnership made in heaven, Carter and Peter Doherty, as they swept Derby County to victory over Charlton Athletic. I later saw him once at Stamford Bridge, and it was a revelation. His presence on the ball was mesmerising.

Leicester City, astonishingly, let him go as an amateur and he signed for Sunderland in 1931. He and Matthews came together three years later, playing for The Rest against England in a trial at Roker Park. The Rest won 7-1; Carter was selected against Scotland, but not Matthews.

*In his second match, Carter played in the 2-1 defeat by Hungary in Budapest, a fore*warning of 19 years later. He and Matthews played together for England for the first time against Germany at Tottenham in 1935.

The TUC staged demonstrations outside against Germany's liaison with Franco. England won 3-0, but the *Manchester Guardian* reported that: "Matthews failed, and Carter was not much better." Journalistic demands were rather higher then.

It was during the war, in 14 unofficial England matches, that the partnership with Matthews reached sublime levels. Joe Mercer used to relate how together they were unplayable, as elusive as two cats. Carter, who like some pianist of immense talent, had a justifiably huge but unspoken conceit, envied Matthews his reputation.

"Well, you could see he could *do* a bit," Carter would say, grudgingly, "but people expected you to change your game for him. You gave him the ball, he crossed, Lawton headed a goal, and they all forgot about *you*."

For the first four post-war matches, Finney partnered Carter on the right wing. Then Matthews replaced Finney and in six of the next seven matches the line-up was Matthews, Carter, Lawton, Mannion and Langton. And then Carter was gone, after scoring five goals in seven matches, to be replaced by Mortensen.

A few weeks ago, Carter suffered a stroke at his home near Hull — he used to be player-manager of Hull City. His wife, younger daughter, Jane, and son, Raich, hope to have him home for Christmas from the nursing home, where he is comfortable and remembers the great days better than he does the present league table, which is how it ought to be.

"Sunderland was where his heart always was, his happiest time," Jane reflects. "He's glad he played when he did, with and against so many fine players."

Bobby Gurney, the Sunderland and England centre forward, now 83, was in for a chat the other day. Raich Sr likes to watch Ryan Giggs on television. *"He can play,"* the old maestro observes approvingly.

Gregory proving shrewd purchase

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

ANDY Gregory is a shrewd investor, as well as an astute investment by Salford rugby league club. The former Great Britain scrum half won a bet on Wigan winning at Warrington in the Regal Trophy, a result which has set up an intriguing encounter with his old club in the semi-finals.

The last away cup tie Wigan lost was at the Willows two years ago when Salford won 24-14 in the same competition. Gregory has revitalised the fortunes of the Manchester club but is under no illusions about the task on January 8. "Some people talk about Wigan not being the side they were, but that's rubbish," he said.

Gregory, 32, twice a Regal Trophy winner with Wigan, has made the £10,000 Salford paid Leeds for him last month look a bargain. Reports of his virtuoso show against Hull in the quarter-finals on Sunday, have been noted at Central Park, and the contest at half back with his former partner, Shaun Edwards, promises something special.

Nonetheless, in terms of a gamble, a repeat of last season's final, when Wigan defeated Bradford Northern, would be less risky. Castleford lost their recent championship meeting with Bradford, who have turned the cavernous bowl at Odsal into a fortress, and will start favourites on New Year's day.

The trend away from overseas coaches is increasing. St Helens have ruled out an import to replace the New Zealander, Mike McClennan, who resigned last week after four years at Knowsley Road. The club is hoping to interview three candidates, all of whom are believed to be British, for the coaching job this week, but may not make a decision until the New Year.

Shane Cooper, the captain, and Frank Barrow, coach of the reserve side, have been put in charge of first-team affairs until the new coach is in place. Eric Hughes, 42, the former Widnes international centre and St Helens academy youth coach since the summer, is a likely successor, but other candidates thought to be interested include the Widnes coach, Phil Larder, and George Fairbairn, of Hull KR.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW: Bradford Northern v Castleford (to be played January 1); Salford v Wigan (January 8).

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland 122 LA Lakers 92; Orlando 97 Sacramento 91; Portland 93 Milwaukee 81

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	15	5	.750	—
Orlando	13	9	.591	3
Boston	11	12	.478	5½
Miami	9	11	.450	6
New Jersey	8	14	.364	8
Philadelphia	8	14	.364	8
Washington	6	16	.273	10
Central Division				
Atlanta	16	5	.762	—
Chicago	13	8	.619	3
Charlotte	12	10	.545	4½
Indiana	10	11	.476	6
Detroit	8	13	.381	8
Cleveland	8	14	.364	8½
Milwaukee	5	18	.217	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	21	1	.955	—
Utah	17	7	.708	5
San Antonio	15	9	.625	7
Denver	9	13	.409	12
Minnesota	8	14	.364	13
Dallas	1	21	.045	20
Pacific Division				
Seattle	19	2	.905	—
Phoenix	16	4	.800	2½
Portland	14	10	.583	6½
Golden State	12	10	.545	7½
LA Clippers	9	12	.429	10
LA Lakers	8	16	.333	12½
Sacramento	5	17	.227	14½

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham 93 Sunderland 75; Chester 80 Doncaster 69, London 80 Manchester 110.

BOBSLEIGHING

CALGARY: World Cup, two-man race: 1, Canada I 1min 52.13sec; 2, Italy I 1:52.23; 3, Great Britain II (S Olsson and L Paul) 1:52.25

BOWLS

WESSEX LEAGUE: West region: British Cellophane bt Bridgwater 95-84 (14 points to 2), Donyatt bt Taunton 111-53 (16-0); Weston St Andrews bt Minehead 97-57 (16-0). Mendip bt Woodspring 79-71 (12-4). Central region: Clevedon bt Bath 102-61 (14-2), Bristol bt Frome 128-44 (16-0); Christie Miller bt Nailsea 116-51 (16-0); Clarrie Dunber bt Whitchurch 91-69 (14-2).

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Sydney: New South Wales 283 (M Waugh 119; S Warne 5-77. Victoria 264 and 300-4 (D Jones 155, D Ramshaw 71 not out). Perth: South Australia 179 and 283 (J Siddons 129; J Angel 5-59). Western Australia 304 and 160-1 (J Langer 90 not out, G Marsh 62 not out) Western Australia won by nine wickets.

HOCKEY

LILLE, France: European indoor qualifying tournament: England 4 Lithuania 1. Final positions (first three qualify). 1, England 7pts; 2, France 6; 3, Czech Rep 6; 4, Sweden 4; 5, Switzerland 4; 6, Lithuania 0.

NORWICH UNION EAST INDOOR LEAGUE: Market Deeping 3 Redbridge and Ilford 10; Spalding 5 Pelicans 3; St Albans 9 Market Deeping 3, Redbridge and Ilford 7 Spalding 3; Pelicans 1 St Albans 10; Market Deeping 7 Spalding 7; Pelicans 1 Redbridge and Ilford 7; St Albans 9 Spalding 1; Market Deeping 9 Pelicans 0; Redbridge and Ilford 1 St Albans 4, Crostyx 2 Old Loughtonians 6; Chelmsford 5 Cambridge City 5, Chivalrous Knaves 5 Crostyx 8, Old Loughtonians 8 Chelmsford 7; Cambridge City 7 Chivalrous Knaves 3, Crostyx 4 Chelmsford 5; Cambridge 5 O Loughtonians 8, Chivalrous Knaves 3 Chelmsford 6, Crostyx 8 Cambridge City 5; O Loughtonians 12 Chivalrous Knaves 2 (at Cambridge)

NATIONAL INVITATION INDOOR LEAGUE: Saturday: Harborne 6 Barford T 3; Firebrands 4 Doncaster 8, Stourport 14 Neston 4; Teddington 9 Welton 7, E Grinstead 8 Harborne 4; Barford T 11 Firebrands 6; Stourport 15 Southgate 3, Teddington 13 Neston 4, Doncaster 3 E Grinstead 6, Welton 8 Southgate 5, Harborne 16 Firebrands 4. Sunday: Doncaster 7 Barford T 11, E Grinstead 8 Firebrands 2; Southgate 5 Teddington 8, Doncaster 5 Harborne 4; Barford T 6 E Grinstead 4, Welton 2 Stourport 9; Neston 4 Southgate 5, Firebrands 1 Teddington 20, Doncaster 7 Welton 3, Teddington 5 Stourport 11; Barford T 12 Neston 5, Stourport 6 Harborne 7. Positions (after 5 matches). 1, Stourport 12pts, 2, Teddington 12, 3, Barford T 12, 4, Harborne 9

CLUB MATCHES: Men: Acomb 0 Harrogate 4 Alderley E 0 Brooklands 2; Bowdon 3 Warrington 1; Olton WW 1 Disley 2, Sheffield 10 Leicester W 0; Neston 3 Gt Harwood 1; Olton WW 4 Crimson R 2; St Albans 2 Eastcote 0; Westberries 1 Cheltenham 0; Wimbledon 2 Reading 3, Woking 2 Southampton 0; Colwyn Bay 1 Deeside R 2.

Women: Senior clubs: Blueharts 4 Ealing 2; Cardiff Ath 1 Redland 3; Exeter 1 West U21 0; Leominster 2 St Fagan's 0.

PONTYPRIDD: South Wales women's indoor championship: Final: Dowlais 3 Porthcawl 0.

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Mali 0 Ivory Coast 1 (in Bamako).

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Porto 1 Guimaraes 1; Famalicao 2 Belenenses 3; Pacos Ferreira 0 Salgueiros 2; Beira Mar 0 Uniao Madeira 0; Estoril 1 Gil Vicente 1; Farense 1 Boavista 0; Maritimo 0 Estrela Amadora 0.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Sociedad 2 Real Madrid 0.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Monaco 0 Bordeaux 1.

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: River Plate 1 Deportivo Espanol 0; Ferro Carril Oeste 0 Lanus 0; Huracan 3 Deportivo Mandiyu 1; Velez Sarsfield 2 Platense 2; Belgrano Cordoba 3 Estudiantes La Plata 3; Gimnasia y Tiro 1 San Lorenzo 3.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Roma 1 Inter 1

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Palmeiras 2 Vitoria 0.

GOLF

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, N Faldo (GB) 20.65 pts; 2, G Norman (Aus) 18.79; 3, B Langer (Ger) 17.19; 4, N Price (Zim) 15.89; 5, F Couples (US) 14.93; 6, P Azinger (US) 14.59; 7, I Woosnam (GB) 11.41; 8, T Kite (US) 10.07; 9, D Love (US) 9.61; 10, C Pavin (US) 9.59

LEADING WORLD MONEY-WINNERS: 1, N Price (Zim) £1,874,110; 2, G Norman (Aus) £1,526,618; 3, B Langer (Ger) £1,369,964; 4, F Couples (US) £1,206,744; 5, P Azinger (US) £1,150,639; 6, D Frost (SA) £1,045,260; 7, N Faldo (GB) £984,902; 8, P Stewart (US) £936,397, 9, M Ozaki (Japan) £918,018; 10, L Mize (US) £885,630.

NETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Aquila 39 New Cambell 47; Toucans 36 BICC 31; Hertford Hornets 52 Lindon 50; Togham 51 Harbourne 61. Second division: OPA 45 Vauxhall Gold 53, Hirondelle 80 Hornsey 66; Crawley Sports 51 YWCA 45; Academy 45 Henley 56. Third division: Hucclecote 54 Wokingham 24; Essex Wanderers 53 Wirral 62; Weston Park 38 Kelmscott 48, Oaksway 44 Chevrons 46.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Quebec 7 San Jose 5; Dallas 3 Vancouver 1; Boston 2 Florida 1 (OT); Buffalo 3 Tampa Bay 3 (OT); New Jersey 4 Philadelphia 2; NY Rangers 6 Ottawa 3; NY Islanders 6 Pittsburgh 3; St Louis 4 Edmonton 1; Chicago 2 Anaheim 0

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Northeast division	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Boston	16	10	7	110	98	39
Pittsburgh	16	9	7	117	110	39
Buffalo	16	15	3	115	99	35
Montreal	14	12	6	102	90	34
Quebec	14	14	5	121	115	33
Hartford	10	19	3	91	115	23
Ottawa	7	24	3	102	166	17
Atlantic division						
NY Rangers	23	7	3	124	84	49
New Jersey	19	10	4	117	87	42
Philadelphia	18	15	2	134	132	38
Washington	14	16	2	104	105	30
Florida	12	15	5	88	95	29
NY Islanders	13	15	3	115	110	29
Tampa Bay	10	19	4	82	103	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central division	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Toronto	21	9	5	125	96	47
Dallas	16	12	7	124	114	39
St Louis	17	11	5	105	106	39
Chicago	16	10	4	98	79	36
Detroit	17	13	2	139	118	36
Winnipeg	12	18	5	117	140	29
Pacific division						
Calgary	19	10	5	130	107	43
Vancouver	17	15	0	107	108	34
San Jose	11	19	5	85	109	27
Anaheim	12	20	2	85	105	26
Los Angeles	11	19	2	118	133	24
Edmonton	8	22	5	96	124	21

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: British public schools' championship: Foster Cup: Elite singles: Semi-finals: R Carter (Rugby) bt W Hale (Cheltenham) 15-9, 15-5, 15-10, E Behn (Radley) bt D Cruickshank (Haileybury) 18-14, 10-15, 15-11, 15-4. Final: Carter bt Behn 15-7, 15-5, 15-5. Renny Cup. Senior singles: Semi-finals: D Pardey (Tonbridge) bt R George (Wellington) 17-16, 14-17, 15-18, 7-15, 15-1, D Stahl (Haileybury) beat E Lees (Eton) 15-10, 15-4, 15-5. Final: Pardey bt Stahl 15-10, 15-4, 15-5. Incledon-Webber Colts Cup: N Bailey (Eton) bt P Wigan (Eton), 15-4, 15-0, 15-7. Jim Dear Colts Cup: G Smith-Bingham (Eton) bt R Palmer (Haileybury), 16-15, 15-7

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: British under-24 championship, semi-finals (names British unless stated): N Wood bt A Snelgrove 6-1, 6-0; A Lyons bt R Gunn 5-6, 6-2, 6-5. Final: Wood bt Lyons 6-0, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2. British under-21 championship: semi-finals: R Gunn bt S King 6-1, 6-1; A Snelgrove bt C Swallow 6-1, 6-1. Final: Gunn bt Snelgrove 6-3, 6-3.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Postponed: Widnes v Bradford Northern.

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Second round: Askam 8 Chorley 3; Blackbrook 8 Beverley 17; Clayton 6 Oulton 23; E Leeds 14 Egremont 10; Ellenboro 4 Woolston 9; Hensingham 40 Mysons 0; Leigh East 14 Millom 26, Leigh Miners Wel 13 Moldgreen 11; Mayfield 14 Wigan St P 32, Milford 19 Irlam H 20; Redhill 32 Orrell St J 18. Saddleworth 12 Oldham St A 4; Walney Cen 4 Barrow Is 6, W Hull 47 Park Am 14

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Dudley H 8 Hemel Hempstead 30.

SKIING

LA PLAGNE, France: Freestyle World Cup: Men's ballet: 1, H Baumgartner (Switz) 24.90pts, 2, F Becker (Fr) 23.10; 3, S Roxberg (US) 22.85. British: 23, M Fielden 15.30. Women: 1, E Breen (US), 26.50pts, 2, C Fechoz (Fr) 26.15, 3, O Kutschenko (Russ) 24.85. British: 8, V Simpson 21.60

TABLE TENNIS

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Vymura 4 St Neots 10, BFL Grove 14 Bath 0; Launceston 0 Team Perrel 14, Sedgefield 8 Horsham Angels 6. First division, north: Lincoln 1 West Warwicks 7, BFL Grove 6 Milton Keynes 2, Cheltenham 3 Humberside 5, Sedgefield 6 Sunderland 2. South: Larkhall 4 Reading 4, BFL Grove 4 Rejects 4. Brentford 3 Pontypool 5

TENNIS

CORBY: LTA Reebok Tour: Men's singles: Final: J Hunter bt L Matthews 7-6, 7-5. Women's singles: Final: G Coorengel (Holl) bt K Cross 6-4, 4-6, 6-4

POOLS FORECAST

Monday December 27 unless stated

FA PREMIERSHIP
1 A Villa v Man City
2 Ipswich v West Ham
1 QPR v Oldham
2 South'pton v Chelsea
X Swindon v Arsenal
1 Tottenham v Norwich

Not on coupons: Everton v Sheffield Wednesday

FIRST DIVISION
X Barnsley v Derby
1 Bolton v Sunderland
2 Grimsby v Notts Co
1 Leicester v Watford
1 Millwall v Portsmouth
1 Nottm F v Middlesbro
2 Oxford v C Palace
1 Peterboro v Luton
X Southend v Charlton
1 Tranmere v Wolves
1 West Brom v Bristol C

Not on coupons: Stoke City v Birmingham City (Sunday)

SECOND DIVISION
2 Bourn'm'th v Brentford
1 Bradford v Rotherham
1 Bristol R v Reading
X Burnley v Wrexham
V Cardiff v Swansea
2 Fulham v Port Vale
X Hartlepool v Hudd'field
1 Leyton O v Cambridge
1 Stockport v Blackpool
X York v Hull

Not on coupons: Brighton v Barnet

THIRD DIVISION
1 Chest'field v Doncaster
X Colchester v Mansfield
1 Crewe v Wigan
2 Darlington v Carlisle
1 Gillingham v North'pton
2 Hereford v Shrewsbury
1 Lincoln v Scunthorpe
2 Preston v Chester
1 Torquay v Wycombe
X Walsall v Bury

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE
1 Knowsley v Fleetwood
1 Marine v Colwyn Bay
1 Morecambe v Barrow
X Winsford v Leek

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Dundee Utd v Aberdeen
1 Hibernian v Partick
1 Kilmarnock v Dundee
X Motherwell v Celtic
X Raith v St Johnstone
1 Rangers v Hearts

SCOTTISH FIRST
2 Brechin v Hamilton
1 Clyde v Morton
2 Clydebank v Ayr
1 Falkirk v Dunf'mline
X St Mirren v Airdrie
1 Stirling v Dumbarton

SCOTTISH SECOND
1 Albion v Montrose
2 Arbroath v East Fife
*1 Berwick v Q of Sth
2 Cowdenb'th v Forfar
2 Queen's Pk v Alloa
* Pools panel to decide

Not on coupons: Stenhousemuir v Meadowbank, Stranraer v East Stirling

TREBLE CHANCE: Swindon, Barnsley, Southend, Burnley, Hartlepool, York, Colchester, Walsall, Winsford, Motherwell, Raith, St Mirren.

BEST DRAWS: Barnsley, Hartlepool, Colchester, Winsford, Raith.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Leicester City, West Bromwich Albion, Crewe Alexandra, Knowsley United, Kilmarnock. Aways: Chelsea, Port Vale, Hamilton. Draws: Barnsley, Hartlepool United, Winsford United.

Saturday January 1

FA PREMIERSHIP
X A Villa v Blackburn
2 Everton v West Ham
2 Ipswich v Liverpool
X Man Utd v Leeds
1 Newcastle v Man City
2 QPR v Sheff Wed
1 Sheff Utd v Oldham
X South'pton v Norwich
1 Swindon v Chelsea
1 Tottenham v Coventry
1 Wimbledon v Arsenal

FIRST DIVISION
2 Barnsley v Portsmouth
1 Bolton v Notts Co
X Grimsby v Bristol C
1 Leicester v Sunderland
1 Millwall v C Palace
1 Nottm F v Charlton
X Oxford v Middlesbro
2 Peterborough v Wolves
1 Southend v Birmingham
X Stoke v Derby
1 Tranmere v Watford
1 West Brom v Luton

SECOND DIVISION
2 Bourn'm'th v Plymouth
2 Bradford v Wrexham
1 Brighton v Cambridge
1 Bristol R v Swansea
1 Burnley v Blackpool
2 Cardiff v Reading
1 Exeter v Hull
2 Fulham v Brentford
1 Hartlepool v Rotherham
1 Leyton O v Hudd'field
2 York v Port Vale

Not on coupons: Stockport County v Barnet

THIRD DIVISION
X Chest'field v Shrewsbury
2 Colchester v Chester
1 Crewe v Doncaster
1 Darlington v Wigan
2 Gillingham v Bury
X Hereford v Carlisle
1 Lincoln v Scarborough
X Preston v Scunthorpe
1 Rochdale v North'pton
1 Torquay v Mansfield
1 Walsall v Wycombe

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE
X Accrington v Emley
1 Barrow v Whitley Bay
1 Boston v Gainsboro
2 Chorley v Frickley

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Celtic v Rangers
X Dundee v Aberdeen
2 Hearts v Hibernian
1 Kilmarnock v Motherwell
1 Raith v Partick
2 St Johnstone v Dundee U

SCOTTISH FIRST
1 Airdrie v Hamilton
X Brechin v Dunf'mline
X Clyde v Ayr

Not on coupons: Dumbarton v Clydebank, Falkirk v Stirling; St Mirren v Morton

SCOTTISH SECOND
Not on coupons: Berwick v Meadowbank, East Fife v Cowdenbeath, East Stirling v Alloa; Forfar v Arbroath, Queen's Park v Albion, Stenhousemuir v Montrose, Stranraer v Queen of the South

TREBLE CHANCE: Aston Villa, Manchester United, Southampton, Grimsby, Oxford, Stoke, Chesterfield, Hereford, Accrington, Dundee, Brechin, Clyde

BEST DRAWS: Southampton, Grimsby, Stoke, Chesterfield, Accrington

AWAYS: Liverpool, Portsmouth, Wolves, Plymouth, Chester.

HOMES: Newcastle, Tottenham, Bolton, Southend, Tranmere, Burnley, Hartlepool, Crewe, Darlington, Rochdale, Boston, Celtic

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Newcastle, Tottenham, Tranmere, Burnley, Crewe. Aways: Portsmouth, Wolves, Chester. Draws: Southampton, Stoke, Chesterfield

□ Vince Wright

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Igls	20	20	slushy	slushy	closed	cloud	8	17/12
(Strong warm winds and rain causing poor skiing)								
Kitzbühel	25	75	fair	heavy	slush	fair	7	17/12
(Good skiing above Jochberg on shaded slopes)								
Mayrhofen	5	37	fair	heavy	closed	cloud	2	18/12
(Very varied skiing after overnight rain)								
Obergurgl	45	75	fair	crust	slush	thaw	3	19/12
(Overnight rain and warm weather thawing snow)								
St Anton	30	150	slushy	heavy	slushy	fair	7	17/12
(Rain yesterday causing deteriorating conditions)								
FRANCE								
Avoriaz	80	80	fair	heavy	fair	rain	2	19/12
(High winds and rain restricting skiing)								
Flaine	30	100	slush	heavy	slush	rain	4	18/12
(Snowbase lasting well despite rain and warm weather)								
Isola	15	30	fair	varied	worn	cloud	2	14/12
(Good snow on top pistes, lower runs looking brown)								
La Plagne	85	200	slush	heavy	slush	rain	6	19/12
(Most of the resort closed by avalanche danger)								
Tignes	87	260	slush	varied	slush	rain	1	19/12
(Raining up to 2,800m, extreme avalanche danger)								
Val d'Isère	70	120	poor	heavy	slush	rain	9	19/12
(Warm weather and rain giving heavy skiing)								
Val Thorens	60	225	good	heavy	slushy	rain	3	19/12
(Warm weather, high avalanche risk)								
SWITZERLAND								
C Montana	20	100	slushy	heavy	slush	rain	5	19/12
(Rain spoiling previously excellent conditions)								
Verbier	40	150	fair	heavy	closed	rain	7	16/12
(Severe avalanche danger due to warm weather)								
Zermatt	25	160	fair	heavy	poor	rain	3	17/12
(Many lifts closed by avalanche danger)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial

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LEGAL NOTICES

DICKINS LIMITED

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at Chartered Insurance Institute, 20 Aldermanbury, London, EC2V 7HY on 11th January 1994 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said act. A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 4th Floor, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London, EC2Y 5DH between 10am & 5pm on the two business days preceding the date of the creditors meeting. Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must (unless they are individual creditors attending in person) lodge their proxies at 4th Floor, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London, EC2Y 5DH no later than 12 noon on 10th January 1994. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, a creditor will not be entitled to vote unless his proof has been lodged and admitted for voting purposes. Whilst proofs may be lodged at any time before voting commences, creditors intending to vote at the meeting are requested to send them with their proxies. Unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting.
J A MORRIS (DIRECTOR)

RUSSELL BROTHERS (PADDINGTON) LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of creditors in the above matter is to be held at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF on the 17 day of December 1993 at 11.00 a.m. hours (1) to consider my proposals under s.23(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and to consider establishing a creditors' committee.

A proxy form which should be completed and returned to me by the date of the meeting if you cannot attend the meeting and wish to be represented. In order to be entitled to vote at the meeting you must give to me, not later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of your claim.
K D Goodman, FCA
The Administrator
A copy of my proposals may be obtained from the above address.

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 983999.
Name of company: Cascom Electronics Limited. Nature of business: Telecommunication Engineers. Address of registered office: Harrow Road Leytonstone London E11 3QF. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary. Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal A Segal & Co. Trevint House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office Holder No: 002685. Date of appointment: 29 October 1992. By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors. Date: 17 December 1993.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
PROPETY FOR SALE
(OBJECTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS INVITED)
6.69 ACRES AT WOODBROOK FARM, NANPANTAN ROAD, LOUGHBOROUGH
Ref PDR-327402A/1-CD(Ldn4)
The Trustees of the Joanna Herbert-Stepney Charitable Settlement propose to sell their interest in the above-mentioned property to Miss Joanna Herbert-Stepney for £473,250 notwithstanding that she is the Trustee of the Charity. Further particulars may be obtained from Messers Walker Walton Hanson of 4 St Peters Gate, Nottingham, NG1 2JG.
Any person wishing to make any objection or suggestion which relates to the proposed sale should do so in writing to The Secretary, Charity Commission, St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX, quoting the above reference, and if delivered at that address on or before 5th Jan 1994 it will be taken into consideration.

CHARITY COMMISSION
PROPERTY FOR SALE
(OBJECTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS INVITED)
3.25 ACRES AT WOODBROOK FARM, NANPANTAN ROAD, LOUGHBOROUGH
Ref: PDR-327402A/1-CD(Ldn4)
The trustees of the Joanna Herbert-Stepney Charitable Settlement propose to sell their interest in the above-mentioned property to Miss Joanna Herbert-Stepney for £229,850 notwithstanding that she is a Trustee of the Charity. Further particulars may be obtained from Messers Walker Walton Hanson of 4 St Peters Gate, Nottingham, NG1 2JG.
Any person wishing to make any objection or suggestion which relates to the proposed sale should do so in writing to The Secretary, Charity Commission, St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket London SW1Y 4QX, quoting the above reference, and if delivered at that address on or before 5th January 1994 it will be taken into consideration

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND
The Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of England gives notice that with effect from 31st January 1994 the House of the Society will be transferred from 35 Belgrave Square, London SW1 to the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire

COMPANY NOTICES

CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED
At a meeting of the Board of Directors held today, the following dividends were declared:
ORDINARY SHARES
A final quarterly dividend of eight cents (8¢) Canadian per share on the outstanding Ordinary Shares in respect of the year 1993, payable on January 28, 1994, to holders of record at the close of business on December 24, 1993.
PREFERENCE SHARES
A final semi-annual dividend of $0.02 per Canadian Dollar Preference Share and 2/3 pence per Sterling Preference Share on the outstanding Preference Shares in respect of the year 1993, payable on January 28, 1994, to holders of record at the close of business on December 24, 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D.J. DEEGAN
VICE-PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY
MONTREAL, December 13, 1993.

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES
TO PLACE ALL YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS PLEASE CALL DEBRA GYNN
TEL: 071-782 7344 or FAX: 071-481 9313

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Confidence grows in Young Hustler

By Our Racing Staff

YOUNG Hustler, impressive winner of the Betterware Cup at Ascot on Saturday, was strongly supported yesterday for the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park on Monday.

More than an inch of rain fell at Kempton over the weekend, with the advance official going now soft. Young Hustler, who has stamina in abundance, would appreciate testing conditions more than most, and Nigel Twiston-Davies's charge is now a best-priced 4-1 with William Hill.

However, officials do not expect conditions to deteriorate much further. Michael Webster, the clerk of the course, said: "The general forecast is for more rain through to Christmas Eve, but we are fortunate to have the benefit of one of the best draining courses in the country and do not anticipate any problems."

There were 12 acceptors for the King George at yesterday's declaration stage, with Cool Ground being the only one unlikely to take his chance.

The Fellow, winner of the race for the last two years, remains favourite at 11-4 with Ladbrokes in his bid for a repeat. His trainer, Francois Doumen, is aiming for a fourth success in the race, having also saddled Nupsala to win in 1987.

The David Nicholson-trained Barton Bank, who has drifted out to 4-1, may be accompanied by stable companion Another Coral, quoted at 66-1 by Corals. Both have been entered elsewhere as a precaution against the weather — Barton Bank is in the Mid Season Chase at Wincanton, while Another Coral is entered for the Rowland Meyrick Chase at Wetherby.

The following day at Kempton should see the reappearance of Champion Hurdle hope King Credo. Steve Woodman's charge has made a quick recovery from a fall in the Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham ten days ago, which left him with a skinned off-fore knee and shin.

Following a workout over the weekend, he has been confirmed an intended runner in the Christmas Hurdle. Woodman said yesterday: "He is fine. He worked well and popped over a few flights. The swelling has gone down and he is moving well. Despite the setback he has not missed anything since the Bula Hurdle. He had a few days walking and trotting which he would have done anyway.

"The fall doesn't seem to have knocked his confidence. He was on the deck and back up again before he knew. At least he hasn't had a hard race in the build-up and will be as fresh as paint for Kempton."

King Credo is likely to face many of the rivals he met at Cheltenham, including Staunch Friend, Halkopous and Granville Again.

Woodman's biggest problem may be in securing a jockey, since the race clashes with the Welsh National at Chepstow and the Castleford Chase at Wetherby, for which Adrian Maguire, King Credo's regular partner, is likely to be required for Waterloo Boy or Wonder Man.

Hywel Davies was in the saddle when King Credo finished fourth in the Champion Hurdle, but Woodman has no specific understudy in mind at the moment. "I don't know why they can't run this race on the same day as the King George," he said.



Twiston-Davies: support

Charlie Smirke dies, aged 87

CHARLIE Smirke, 87, one of the all-time great jockeys, died yesterday in a Leatherhead residential home.

In a career spanning 38 years, Smirke won 11 classics, including the Derby four times. But in a golden era, he was never able to wrest the champion jockeys' title from his great rivals, Gordon Richards and Harry Wragg.

Lester Piggott, whose own career was just taking off as Smirke's was ending, said yesterday: "Charlie was a marvellous man and a notable adversary — one of the great characters of racing."

Smirke, born in Lambeth the son of a fruit and fish merchant, had an eventful career that included a five-year spell in the wilderness when he was warned off. However, Smirke's skill in the saddle, coolness under pressure and understanding of horses combined to make him one of the greats.

He began in racing as an apprentice to Stanley Wootton in Epsom in 1920, riding his first winner in a seller at Derby in 1922. Smirke's first classic success came in 1934 when he won the Derby on Windsor Lad.

He was renowned as one of the only jockeys in the post-war years capable of out-riding the incomparable Richards. And towards the end of his career Smirke was involved in several skirmishes with the young Piggott. For his Derby victory aboard Tulyar in 1952, he was forced to pull out all the stops to hold off the Queen's Gay Time, ridden by the 16-year-old Piggott. The latter would have lodged an objection but for falling from his mount while pulling up, eventually returning to the weighing room too late to do so.

In 1954, Smirke proved an able substitute for the suspended Piggott to win the St Leger on Never Say Die.

Smirke achieved his final classic win when partnering Hard Ridden to success in the 1958 Derby and retired the following year, opting to drop out of the racing limelight.

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STEPHEN MARKESON



Edimbourg, accompanied by his trainer, Henrietta Knight, aims for a fifth consecutive success at Hereford today

Knight finds key to Edimbourg

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

IF EDIMBOURG justifies favouritism in the last race at Hereford today, a growing band of punters will celebrate by looking at ante-post vouchers with fancy prices against the Henrietta Knight-trained horse winning the Champion Hurdle.

The seven-year-old, victorious in four outings already this season, has been backed in recent weeks from 100-1 to 33-1, and Corals have liabilities touching £200,000 while those of William Hill are approaching £100,000.

Little do the horse's backers know that the idea of quoting Edimbourg for the hurdlers' crown at Cheltenham had nothing to do with his racecourse ability — but was the result of a joke.

Edimbourg runs in the colours of Iva Winton, whose husband, Harold, is closely connected to the bookmaking firm Surrey Racing. "When he won, Mervyn Wilson, Surrey's managing director, jokingly said he would win the Champion Hurdle, so I dared him to list the horse in their advertised prices," he said yesterday. The subsequent quotation, combined with highly impressive racecourse successes, has seen the gamble take off — even though a Champion Hurdle entry is unlikely.

The story is almost as remarkable as the rise from relative obscurity achieved by a horse who once prompted classic dreams. After winning as a two-year-old at Maisons-Lafitte, he became a talking horse in Chantilly and the calibre of his home work persuaded Andre Fabre to run him in the French Derby.

Sadly, he trailed in way behind Old Vic. An injury kept him off the racecourse as a four-year-old and in two runs for Clive Brittain a year later he finished last.

A switch to jumping failed to set the racing world alight. In four runs over hurdles for Steve Woodman in 1991-2, he failed to reach the frame.

When Mrs Winton first saw the horse in the summer of 1992, he was with Hugh O'Neill, the former Dorking trainer. A deal was struck which saw the new owner obtain Edimbourg, along with three months free keep and a gelding operation to the horse, for £2,500 — the proceeds from selling her Triumph roadster. He was sent to Tim Etherington for a novice chasing campaign but in four races his best effort was a modest third at Folkestone. Mrs Winton decided "Eddy" was not running with any heart and desperately needed the love and care of a woman trainer.

Edimbourg arrived at Miss Knight's yard in the Oxfordshire village of West Lockinge in March, but any thoughts of running him immediately were quickly forgotten. "He was clearly not himself and took a long time to settle in, especially as he is a box walker and is highly strung," she recalled yesterday.

Edimbourg tried seven different boxes before he found one to his liking and when he was put out to grass in the summer he spent hours pacing up and down nervously beside a fence.

The neurotic customer, who often works alone with his lass, Helen Smythe, hardly inspired confidence. The first signs of apparent ability came when he worked up the steep Butter Bushes hill on the Lockinge Estate. "If a horse can go up there twice on the bridle he is pretty fit. He flew up there twice on his own," Miss Knight said.

The sudden improvement, brought about by the patience and skill of his trainer, was confirmed when Edimbourg slammed 15 opponents on his seasonal debut at Exeter — and landed a substantial gamble. Although Edimbourg runs today off a handicap mark 39lb higher than when winning in October, the winning run looks set to continue.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TOO SHARP
(2.15 Hereford)
Next best: Edimbourg
(3.15 Hereford)

Kosir has first win of career to beat his mentor

By Our Sports Staff

JURE Kosir upstaged Alberto Tomba, his skiing idol-turned-mentor, to triumph in the World Cup slalom race in Madonna di Campiglio yesterday, giving Slovenia its first win since independence from Yugoslavia in 1991.

Kosir's victory was the first of his career and he secured it over the triple Olympic champion he so admired in his youth, and with whom he struck a friendship when they trained together in Chile last summer.

"It's hard to put into words what this means — beating Alberto at such a great venue," he said. "I'm delighted that this first win in the name of Slovenia coincides with my first victory."

Kosir, 21, who has finished second twice in World Cup slaloms this year, finally put together two consistent runs to record an overall time of 1min 34.69sec in foggy conditions on the Canale Miramonti piste, edging out Tomba by 0.09sec at a venue where the Italian won in 1987 and 1988.

Tomba, second in a giant slalom in Alta Badia on Sunday, moved to the top of the overall World Cup standings on 454 points, seven ahead of Kjetil-Andre Aamodt, of Norway. Günther Mader, of Austria, is third on 423. Mader was ninth yesterday and Aamodt tenth.

Tomba's lead will be brief as a super-G follows tomorrow in Lech, Austria, and a downhill in Bormio, in Italy, on December 29 — disciplines he does not ski. Tomba said he would consider returning to the super-G, which he has avoided since breaking his collarbone five years ago, only after the Olympics in February.

Tomba, whose presence pulled a crowd of several thousand on a murky morning, made a bad mistake on the lower part of the course.

"This course is too short for mistakes like that," Tomba, who almost toppled over backwards, said. "I'm very pleased for Jure. He's now promised to let me win his home slalom in Kranjska Gora after Christmas."

☐ The women's World Cup slalom race scheduled for Garmisch-Partenkirchen, in Germany, tomorrow has been called off owing to bad weather.

RESULTS: 1, J Kosir (Slov) 1min 34.69sec (47.51 and 46.98sec); 2, A Tomba (It), 1:34.78 (45.89, 48.89); 3, F-C Jagge (Nor) 1:34.93 (46.26, 48.67); 4 T Fogdoe (Swe) 1:35.60 (46.63, 48.97); 5, T Stangassinger (Austria) 1:35.61 (46.36, 49.25); equal 6, G Grilc (Slov) 1:35.71 (46.39, 49.32) and A Weiss (It) 1:35.71 (46.98, 48.73); 8, O-C Furuseth (Nor) 1:35.81 (46.65, 49.16); 9, G Mader (Austria) 1:36.10 (46.55, 49.55); 10, K-A Aamodt (Nor) 1:36.25 (46.78, 49.47); 11, M Tritscher (Austria) 1:36.34 (47.03, 49.31); 12, P Staub (Switz) 1:36.46 (47.10, 49.36); equal 13 F Tescari (It) 1:36.57 (46.44, 50.13) and M Girardelli (Lux) (47.00, 49.57); 15, A Zinsli (Switz) 1:37.00 (47.36, 49.64). British: W Gaylord, did not finish first run.
STANDINGS: Slalom: 1, Stangassinger 305pts; 2, Tomba 280; 3, Kosir 272; 4, Jagge 220; 5, Aamodt 147. Overall: 1, Tomba 454pts; 2, Aamodt 447; 3, Mader 423; 4, Stangassinger 305; 5, Kosir 286.

HEREFORD

THUNDERER
12.45 Derrymoss. 1.15 Ostura. 1.45 Man Of Mystery. 2.15 Elaine Tully. 2.45 Dr Rocket. 3.15 Edimbourg.

GOING: HEAVY (7AM INSPECTION) SIS

12.45 COWSLIP CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,480: 2m 1f) (13 runners)

1 -021 DERRYMOSS 6 (V,S) M Pipe 7-11-5 T Dascombe (5) [illegible]
2 P030 ABELONI 15 S Coathup 4-11-0 R Greene 93
3 F BALZAON KNIGHT 32 D Arbuthnot 6-11-0 S Curran –
4 5P3 ICE MAGIC 15 F Yardley 6-11-0 A Thornton 92
5 OSCILANTE 449F M Pipe 5-11-0 L Reynolds (5) –
6 DURPALWENTY C Nash 6-11-0 Pat Thompson (5) –
7 0/-0 SHADOWLAND 8 M Charles 5-11-0 V Slattery –
8 PP-4 SILK DYNASTY 15 R Hollinshead 7-11-0 S Wynne 84
9 032 FORGETFUL 8 D Burchell 4-10-9 P McLoughlin (3) 95
10 050- GIVE ME HOPE 232F R Price 5-10-9 Guy Lewis 94
11 LAST APPEARANCE 94F R Phillips 4-10-9 R Farrant –
12 MINI FETE 433F K Burke 4-10-9 N Juckes (5) –
13 TENDRESSE 43F R Hodges 5-10-9 M Hourigan –

10-11 Derrymoss, 9-2 Forgetful, 6-1 Give Me Hope, 8-1 Abeloni, 10-1 others.

1.15 CARAWAY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,424: 2m) (9)

1 -236 WILLIE MCGARR 59 Mrs D Thomas 8-11-10 Richard Guest 89
2 24-3 OSTURA 19 (S) J White 8-11-9 A Maguire 80
3 242F THE MRS 8 (F,S) J Mullins 7-11-4 S Earle –
4 0441 MAGGOTS GREEN 6 (S) J Bradley 6-10-11 (6ex) R Farrant (3) 95
5 /62 MAJOR CUT 18 R Buckler 7-10-9 B Powell 89
6 P/3 BUSH HILL 18 (G) Mrs S Williams 8-10-9 S McNeill –
7 4542 GENEROUS SCOT 18 A James 9-10-9 R Bellamy [illegible]
8 0-60 KNIGHT IN SIDE 61 (F) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-6 C Maude –
9 50-0 DAWN CHANCE 14 R Hodges 7-10-5 R Dunwoody –

9-4 Ostura, 7-2 The Mrs, 5-1 Maggots Green, 6-1 Willie McGarr, 8-1 Generous Scot, 10-1 Major Cut, Knight In Side, 16-1 Dawn Chance, 20-1 Bush Hill.

1.45 COMFREY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,724: 3m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 121- SIKERA SPY 248 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs A Hewitt 11-12-0 R Bellamy 98
2 3-11 MAN OF MYSTERY 18 (CD,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-10 D Bridgwater 90
3 51-1 WARNER FOR WINNERS 22 (D,F,G,S) P Hobbs 7-10-7 Peter Hobbs [illegible]
4 14-0 CATCHAPENNY 40 (B,D,G,S) M Wilkinson 8-10-5 S Earle 91
5 -144 KINGFISHER BAY 34 (D,F,G) J White 8-10-0 A Maguire 84
6 2433 POWDER BOY 14 (F,G) R Hodges 8-10-0 R Dunwoody 90
7 PP5P SPARTAN FLAPJACK 3 D Bassett 7-10-0 Miss L Blackford –

7-4 Man Of Mystery, 5-2 Warner For Winners, 4-1 Sikera Spy, 6-1 Catchapenny, 8-1 Powder Boy, 16-1 Kingfisher Bay, 50-1 Spartan Flapjack.

2.15 THYME MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,515: 2m 1f) (10)

1 0-0 ARLEY GALE 11 D McCain 5-10-12 G Bradley –
2 40-0 CELTIC BRIDGE 15 Mrs S Johnson 5-10-12 W Marston –
3 5- ELAINE TULLY 85F P Hobbs 5-10-12 Peter Hobbs [illegible]
4 F00P MISTRESS BEE 25 S Coathup 4-10-12 A S Smith –
5 MISTRESS MINX 38F N Smith 4-10-12 S D Williams –
6 0-06 NICSAMLYN 13 C Smith 6-10-12 Mr T Stephenson 94
7 0- RHYMING PROSE 258 J Old 5-10-12 T Grantham –
8 0 ROSENTHAL 13 W G M Turner 5-10-12 R Dunwoody –
9 SAMS QUEEN J Upson 4-10-12 R Supple –
10 6/2 TOO SHARP 67 Miss H Knight 5-10-12 J Osborne –

6-4 Too Sharp, 5-2 Elaine Tully, 6-1 Nicsamlyn, 8-1 Sams Queen, 10-1 Celtic Bridge, 16-1 Mistress Minx, Rhyming Prose, 25-1 others.

2.45 CLOVES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,570: 2m) (5)

1 -212 DR ROCKET 11 (D,F,G,S) R Dickin 8-12-0 D Meredith (3) [illegible]
2 3-23 PITHY 18 (CD,G,S) R Price 11-11-1 Guy Lewis (7) 97
3 /02 PHILLIMAY 13 (D,G) R Lee 7-10-7 A Maguire 98
4 4232 FRED SPLENDID 14 (D,S) R Hodges 10-10-7 R Dunwoody 95
5 541- GALAGAMES 204 (CD,G) R Buckler 6-10-5 B Powell 89

7-4 Phillimay, 9-4 Dr Rocket, 9-2 Pithy, 5-1 Fred Splendid, 8-1 Galagames.

3.15 ROSEMARY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,239: 2m 1f) (9)

1 1111 EDIMBOURG 6 (C,D,F,S) Miss H Knight 7-11-13 (7ex) J Osborne 90
2 UFF0 KING'S SHILLING 11 (CD,F,G) C Broad 6-11-12 Mr M Rimell (7) 90
3 05-4 DJEBEL PRINCE 14 (D,G,S) C Egerton 6-11-1 A Procter (5) 91
4 -214 MECADO 12 (D,G,S) F Yardley 6-10-9 D Gallagher 86
5 2-44 MISS EQUILIA 125 (C,D,G) M Pipe 7-10-5 DOUBTFUL 85
6 -PP4 HAVE A PARTY 8 (S) Mrs S Williams 6-10-5 S McNeill 80
7 6/0- GARDA'S GOLD 507 (S) R Dickin 10-10-4 D Meredith (3) –
8 104- GOLDINGO 224 (CD,S) G Price 6-10-3 R Davis (3) [illegible]
9 263- DONNA'S TOKEN 227 (F,G) R Brown 8-10-0 P McLoughlin (7) 94

4-7 Edimbourg, 5-1 Djebel Prince, 7-1 Mecado, 10-1 Goldingo, 14-1 Donna's Token, 16-1 Have A Party, King's Shilling, 33-1 Garda's Gold.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Buckler, 5 winners from 12 rides, 41.7%; M Pipe, 39 from 116, 33.6%; N Twiston-Davies, 10 from 33, 30.3%; D Burchell, 12 from 45, 26.7%; R Brown, 3 from 18, 16.7%; J Upson, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 9 winners from 25 rides, 36.0%; G Bradley, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M Hourigan, 4 from 17, 23.5%; S McNeill, 14 from 62, 22.6%; R Dunwoody, 15 from 67, 22.4%; A S Smith, 3 from 14, 21.4%.

Blinkered first time

LINGFIELD PARK: 2.00 Exhibit Air. 2.30 Noble Spirit, Sweet Whisper.

YESTERDAY'S EDINBURGH RESULTS

Going: good (good to firm in places)

12.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, IMPERIAL BID (P Waggott, 5-2 fav); 2, Astraleon (B Storey, 5-1); 3, Bering Island (N Bentley, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Strong Flame, 7 Cleeveun (5th), 9 Hip Hop, 12 Great Easeby (4th), London Hill, 14 Hicksons Choice (6th), 40 Pesidanamich, 50 Dignified, Pine Classic, 66 Bowlands Himself, 100 Chalkstorl. 14 ran. NR: Aslan. 3l, hd, 7l, shd, 5l. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £1.70, £4.20. DF: £6.20. CSF: £14.08.

12.45 (2m hdle) 1, AL FORUM (D O'Sullivan, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, John Naman (A Dobbin, 15-2); 3, Hypnotist (D Bentley, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 jt-fav Chandigarh (5th), 7 A Gentleman Two, Charlyce (6th), 14 Blackdown, 16 Hemeneko, Just Pulham, 20 Bend Sable (4th), Skolem, 33 Emperor Alexander, 40 Hello Georgie. 13 ran. NR: Doctor's Remedy. 6l, 2l, hd, 2l, 1l. R Ingram at Fiskerton. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £3.10, £2.60. DF: £35.00. Trio: £208.50. CSF: £26.24. Tricast: £194.04.

1.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, SIR PETER LELY (C Grant, 5-1); 2, Comet (M Dwyer, 9-2); 3, Classic Minstrel (T Reed, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Comedy Road, 9-2 Kushbaloo (5th), 7 Lapaffe (4th), 8 On The Hooch, 16 Clever Folly (6th), Kildimo (pu), 66 Speech. 10 ran. 4l, hd, 4l, sh hd, 20l. M Hammond at Middleham. Tote: £6.20; £1.50, £2.00, £3.00. DF: £9.20. Trio: £61.10. CSF: £27.36. Tricast: £165.66.

1.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, EBRO (A Dobbin, 33-1); 2, Wild Atlantic (K Jones, 6-1); 3, Reef Lark (A Thornton, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 jt-fav Greenfield Manor (pu), Juniors Choice (4th), 6 Caldecott (5th), 25 Royal Fife (f), 100 Panto Lady (pu). 8 ran. 2½l, 2l, 5l, dist. V Thompson at Alnwick. Tote: £25.30; £3.00, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £92.00. CSF: £186.71.

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, REGAL AURA (J Callaghan, 7-1); 2, Tahitian (G McCourt, 5-2 fav); 3, Beach Patrol (D Byrne, 66-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Barahin, Erbil (5th), 13-2 Legitim (4th), 9 Boring, 14 Clear Idea (6th), 25 Gymcrak Cyrano (pu). 9 ran. NR: Howard's Post, Swift Conveyance. 1l, hd, shd, 2l, nk. G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £8.80; £3.60, £1.70, £2.60. DF: £14.90. Trio: £468.50. CSF: £23.61. Tricast: £971.48.

2.45 (2m ch) 1, GLEMOT (A Maguire, 15-8 fav); 2, Marlingford (D Morris, 9-2); 3, Hedley Mill (Mr A Parker, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Flowing River (f), Seon, 14 Seminoff (6th), 33 Regal Romper (4th), 50 Ayia Napa (pu), 66 Road To The Weir (f), 100 Supreme Blusher, 150 Quality Assured (5th). 11 ran. NR: Frickley. 3l, nk, 20l, 2½l, 15l. J Johnson at Crook. Tote: £2.30; £2.10, £1.90, £9.80. DF: £6.10. CSF: £9.36.

3.15 (3m hdle) 1, THE GREEN FOOL (A Dobbin, 10-1); 2, Tronchetto (P Niven, 4-1); 3, Wishing Gate (M Dwyer, 11-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Somerset Dancer, 8 Seraphim, 9 Leading Prospect (5th), 12 Mingus (4th), 14 Charming Gale, 20 No Sid No Stars, Rapid Mover, 25 Reve De Valse, 33 Pandessa, Red Tempest, 50 Pims Gunner (6th). 14 ran. NR: Mr Fenwick, Northumbrian King, Savoy. 2l, ½l, 2½l, 8l, 2l. V Thompson at Alnwick. Tote: £20.70; £3.90, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £19.40. Trio: £57.90. CSF: £47.84. Tricast: £131.98.

Placepot: £50.80.

Double for Thompson

VICTOR Thompson, the Alnwick trainer, broke his duck for the season in style at Edinburgh yesterday when landing a 373-1 double with Ebro and The Green Fool.

Ebro, a seven-year-old, had not finished in the first three in 16 attempts before yesterday's 33-1 success in the Swarland Grain Driers Novices' Chase. The double was completed by the comfortable last-race success of 10-1 shot The Green Fool. Both were ridden by Tony Dobbin.

☐ The meeting scheduled for Lingfield Park yesterday was abandoned after the course was found to be waterlogged.

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LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER
12.30 Special Risk
1.00 As Such
1.30 Ringlet
2.00 Camden's Ransom
2.30 LEVIATHAN MYSTERY (nap)
3.00 Tee-Emm
3.30 Broughton's Formula

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 MENTALASANYTHIN.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

12.30 THIN RED LINE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £3,348: 7f) (14 runners)

101 (11) 65 BRECKLAND 28 (F Jackman) K Cunningham-Brown 3-9-0 B Doyle (3) 90
102 (2) 005300 CHEREN BOY 40J (Mrs L Buckerfield) B Forsey 4-9-0 N Adams 50
103 (1) 460000 CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 78 (B) (Miss P Kissock-Smith) R Peacock 4-9-0 J Williams 70
104 (10) 00-0 DISTANT SPRING 28 (A Collins) J Harris 3-9-0 D Biggs –
105 (9) 0000 D SEVEN 24 (Mrs D Carter) H Collingridge 3-9-0 C Hawksley (7) –
106 (14) INDIE ROCK (Mrs P Malde) P Makin 3-9-0 T Sprake –
107 (4) 580000 KINTWYN 99 (Mrs F Bacon) D Laing 3-9-0 S Whitworth 87
108 (7) 000050 MOUJEEB 29 (V) (A Penney) Pat Mitchell 3-9-0 J Quinn 84
109 (13) 030 RISKY VENTURE 35 (M Worth) W Jarvis 3-9-0 M Tebbutt 75
110 (6) 000045 SPECIAL RISK 133 (M Lee Partnership) R Akehurst 3-9-0 Paul Eddery –
111 (12) 0-03000 TIMOTHY CASEY 26J (T Maycock) J White 3-9-0 Dale Gibson [illegible]
112 (3) 300440 APACHE MYTH 18 (B) (Clarendon Park Stud) R Hannon 3-8-9 D Gibbs (7) 98
113 (5) 0/60004 CHICARD 99 (Mrs P Payne) T Naughton 4-8-9 D Holland 82
114 (8) 006002 TAKE IT IN CASH 78 (R Adams) R Dickin 4-8-9 C Rutter 79

BETTING: 5-1 Special Risk, 6-1 Indie Rock, Timothy Casey, 8-1 Apache Myth, Kintwyn, Moujeeb, 10-1 Breckland, Chicard, 12-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

BRECKLAND 4½l 5th of 18 to Sense Of Priority in claimer at Southwell (AW, 6f), with DISTANT SPRING (8lb worse off) 14½l 11th. KINTWYN 5l 7th of 21 to Ricky's Tornado in claimer at Leicester (6f, good to soft). MOUJEEB 5½l 8th of 14 to Ashgore in rated stakes race at Southwell (AW, 6f). RISKY VENTURE 11½l 3rd of 8 to Savings Bank in maiden at Southwell (AW, 1m) on penultimate start. SPECIAL RISK about 4¼l 5th of 14 to O So Neet in selling handicap at Yarmouth (1m, good to firm). APACHE MYTH 7l 7th of 15 to Master Beveled in handicap over course and distance. CHICARD about 3½l 4th of 18 to Mogwai in selling handicap at Bath (1m, good). TAKE IT IN CASH 6l 2nd of 16 to Magic Pearl in maiden handicap at Warwick (5f, soft), with CHRISTIAN WARRIOR (14lb worse off) 15l 13th.
Selection: BRECKLAND

1.00 LIGHT BRIGADE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,691: 7f) (11 runners)

201 (4) 2 AS SUCH 6 (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 9-0 B Rouse [illegible]
202 (7) CANNEYRUN (J Canney) A Foster 9-0 D Holland –
203 (10) 000 GAELIC RISK 5 (D Burke) Pat Mitchell 9-0 A Clark –
204 (8) RUB AL KHALI (J Lane) D Laing 9-0 S Whitworth –
205 (2) 0002 SOUTH EASTERN FRED 24 (South Eastern Electrical Plc) H Collingridge 9-0 J Quinn 98
206 (6) 603006 BUNNY RUN 7 (The Hammond Partnership) P Howling 8-9 D Biggs 82
207 (9) 563 CAPPUCHINO 232 (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 8-9 Emma O'Gorman (5) 92
208 (3) 000 ESOTERIC 115 (G Gregory) P Mitchell 8-9 S D'Gorman –
209 (5) 00 LORELEI ROCK 77 (P Bennett) J Bennett 8-9 G Bardwell –
210 (1) 0 MRS BIZZYBODY 61 (Just For The Crack Partnership) T Naughton 8-9 Paul Eddery –
211 (11) 260053 SALLY'S TRUST 6 (B) (B Meehan) B Meehan 8-9 B Doyle (3) 96

BETTING: 11-8 As Such, 7-2 Cappuchino, 9-2 South Eastern Fred, 5-1 Sally's Trust, 16-1 Canneyrun, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

AS SUCH 2l 2nd to Saltcom in maiden here (AW, 6f). SOUTH EASTERN FRED 2½l 2nd to Pearly River in maiden auction over course and distance, with SALLY'S TRUST about 1l 5th. BUNNY RUN 9½l 6th of 10 to Queens Stroller in nursery at Southwell (AW, 7f). CAPPUCHINO 5l 3rd of 11 to Imperial Bailiwick in maiden at Warwick (5f, good to firm). SALLY'S TRUST 3½l 3rd of 9 to Private Fixture in claimer over course and distance.
Selection: AS SUCH

1.30 THIN RED LINE MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: £3,348: 7f) (13 runners)

301 (4) 000 DYNAMIC GEORGE 172 (R Cavill) N Callaghan 3-9-0 B Rouse –
302 (10) 460030 FLASHFEET 6 (P Purdy) B Forsey 3-9-0 J Williams [illegible]
303 (11) 00-6060 INDIAN SECRET 5 (B) (J Simpson) S Kettlewell 3-9-0 T Williams 77
304 (13) 505604 SHARP IMP 133 (B) (Miss V Markowiak) R Flower 3-9-0 A Clark 70
305 (7) 400000 VILLAGE GREEN 13 (B) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 3-9-0 B Doyle (3) 96
306 (2) ELEANORDEMONTFORT (Mrs J Blindell) T Naughton 3-8-9 Paul Eddery –
307 (1) 06006 LITTLE MISS RIBOT 165 (J Knight) R O'Sullivan 3-8-9 D Biggs 74
308 (8) 0 MY TREASURE 48 (P Zallick) P McEntee 3-8-9 D Wright (5) –
309 (5) 00- NIKITRIA 108J (J Blackshaw) Miss A Whitfield 3-8-9 Dale Gibson –
310 (12) 0- RINGLET 459 (Sir Eric Parker) B Hills 3-8-9 D Holland 80
311 (3) 083000 SWIFT SPRING 20 (Mrs M Arbib) P Cole 3-8-9 C Rutter 97
312 (6) 052006 WESTERING 41 (Mrs J McAllister) J Harris 3-8-9 J Quinn 98
313 (9) 500000 WHYALLA RAIN 41 (J Lane) D Laing 3-8-9 S Whitworth –

BETTING: 9-4 Ringlet, 9-2 Sharp Imp, 11-2 Westering, 13-2 Flashfeet, 8-1 Swift Spring, 10-1 Eleanordemontfort, Indian Secret, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

FLASHFEET 9½l 3rd of 9 to Midnight Jazz in maiden at Southwell (AW, 1m) on penultimate start. SHARP IMP about 3½l 4th of 17 to Miss Crusty in maiden handicap at Bath (1m, good to firm). VILLAGE GREEN 8l 9th of 15 to Master Beveled in handicap over course and distance on penultimate start. Earlier 4l 2nd of 9 to Windrush Lady in maiden at Newbury (1m, good to soft), with FLASHFEET 20l 7th. RINGLET 16l 8th of 16 to Sueboog in conditions race at Newbury (7f, good). WESTERING about 7½l 6th of 14 to Mustn't Grumble in maiden here (AW, 6f), with WHYALLA RAIN 7½l 12th.
Selection: FLASHFEET

2.00 GOLLEY SLATER HANDICAP (£3,494: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

401 (7) 300152 MULCIBER 17J (CD,F,G) (Mrs P Treadwell) G Harwood 5-10-0 M Perrett 87
402 (2) 006300 CAMDEN'S RANSOM 22 (CD,F,G) (B Cullen) D Marks 6-9-9 B Doyle (3) 90
403 (10) 006001 MENTALASANYTHIN 7 (G,S) (Mrs J Bailey) A Bailey 4-9-8 (6ex) A Mackay [illegible]
404 (8) 113600 ONE OFF THE RAIL 92 (CD,G) (K Higson) A Moore 3-9-7 B Rouse 88
405 (1) 045632 DISKETTE 20 (S) (M Oberstein) Lord Huntingdon 3-9-1 D Holland 94
406 (5) 233003 ERLKING 82J (G) (S Tindall) S Mellor 3-9-0 M Wigham 88
407 (3) 440516 EXHIBIT AIR 18J (B,D,F) (A Hornall) R Hannon 3-8-13 Mark Denaro (7) 95
408 (9) 402001 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 6 (CD,G) (Mrs C Whitwood) D Thom 4-8-9 (6ex) J Williams 96
409 (4) 500500 RISING WOLF 22 (I Baker) R O'Sullivan 3-7-12 D Biggs 90
410 (6) 146/314 BONDAID 15J (CD,BF,F,G) (A Albright) J White 9-7-7 M Baird (7) 96

Long handicap: Bondaid 7-5.

BETTING: 7-2 Mentalasanythin, 4-1 Mulciber, 5-1 Diskette, 6-1 Captain Marmalade, Exhibit Air, 7-1 Erlking, 8-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

MULCIBER 1½l 2nd of 15 to Nemea in rated stakes race at Salisbury (1m 2f, good to firm). MENTALASANYTHIN beat Rural Lad 4l in 18-runner handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m). DISKETTE 1½l 2nd of 10 to Hillzah in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f). ERLKING 2½l 3rd of 10 to Regalsett in claimer at Sandown (1m 1f, good to firm). EXHIBIT AIR 4½l 6th of 21 to Master Beveled in apprentices' handicap at Newmarket (1m 1f, good). CAPTAIN MARMALADE beat Chief Of Staff neck in amateurs' handicap over course and distance.
Selection: DISKETTE (nap)

2.30 ALMA NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,056: 6f) (6 runners)

501 (4) 313003 HELLO MISTER 22 (S) (B Milten) J O'Donoghue 9-7 M Fenton (3) 92
502 (3) 246021 RANDOM 22 (C,G) (A Waldie) C James 9-0 C Hawksley (7) 91
503 (5) 00461 NAME THE TUNE 19 (C,G) (The Hammond Partnership) P Howling 8-13 D Biggs 92
504 (6) 00266 LEVIATHAN MYSTERY 13 (Marques De Delelosa) Lord Huntingdon 8-8 J Williams [illegible]
505 (1) 050030 NOBLE SPIRIT 13 (B) (P Howell) R Hannon 8-7 D O'Neill (7) 96
506 (2) 035606 SWEET WHISPER 76 (V,G) (T Hill) K McAuliffe 7-13 J Quinn 98

BETTING: 11-4 Name The Tune, 3-1 Random, 4-1 Hello Mister, Sweet Whisper, 6-1 Leviathan Mystery, 7-1 Noble Spirit.

FORM FOCUS

RANDOM beat Bold Alex ¾l in 9-runner nursery here (AW, 5f), with HELLO MISTER (7lb better off) 2l 3rd. NAME THE TUNE beat Mr Bergerac ¾l in 10-runner nursery here (AW, 5f). LEVIATHAN MYSTERY best effort when 1l 2nd of 15 to Forgotten Dancer in maiden auction at Folkestone (6f, soft). NOBLE SPIRIT 8l 3rd of 9 to Billie Grey in maiden auction here (AW, 7f) on penultimate start.
Selection: RANDOM

3.00 INKERMAN HANDICAP (£2,579: 5f) (10 runners)

601 (3) 3-05613 NOT SO GENEROUS 13 (CD,BF,F,G) (E Goody) W G M Turner 3-10-0 M Baird (7) 95
602 (9) 062006 COMET WHIRLPOOL 13 (B,D,G) (Major P Smith) Pat Mitchell 3-9-13 J Quinn 85
603 (7) 04652-0 SKULLCAP 239 (F) (Mrs J Naughton) T Naughton 3-9-12 Paul Eddery 87
604 (8) 206200 HALBERT 6 (B) (G Greenwood) T Casey 4-9-12 M Tebbutt 87
605 (10) 551324 THE NOBLE OAK 13 (B,CD,F,S) (M McCormack) M McCormack 5-9-10 D Gibbs (7) 97
606 (5) 502034 TEE-EMM 5 (C,G) (R Casey) P Howling 3-9-8 L Carter (7) [illegible]
607 (7) 00211-0 BATTLING BELLA 63 (K Higson) G L Moore 4-9-1 B Rouse –
608 (2) 000-310 SPEEDY CLASSIC 57 (B,C,G) (T Wong) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-0 D Wright (5) 97
609 (4) 40-0005 RAYS MEAD 8 (D,F) (Miss D Green) J Holt 5-8-11 N Adams 94
610 (6) 605000 BELTHORN 96 (T Thom) J Bridger 4-8-7 T Williams 92

BETTING: 3-1 Not So Generous, 4-1 Speedy Classic, 5-1 The Noble Oak, 8-1 Skullcap, Tee-Emm, 10-1 Comet Whirlpool, 12-1 Battling Bella, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

NOT SO GENEROUS 2l 3rd of 9 to Palsy Grimes in handicap over course and distance, with THE NOBLE OAK (6lb better off) head 4th and COMET WHIRLPOOL (8lb better off) 2l 6th. Earlier beat THE NOBLE OAK (3lb better off) 1½l in 10-runner apprentices' handicap over course and distance with TEE-EMM (2lb better off) 6l 10th. SKULLCAP 3½l 2nd of 14 to Pat Poindestres in seller here (AW, 6f) on penultimate start. HALBERT best recent effort when ½l 2nd of 4 to Sharp Gazelle in claimer at Brighton (7f, firm). TEE-EMM 2l 4th of 17 to Indy Express in handicap at Southwell (AW, 5f). SPEEDY CLASSIC beat Lucayan Treasure 1½l in 9-runner handicap here (AW, 6f) with TEE-EMM (2lb better off) 17½l 9th.
Selection: THE NOBLE OAK

3.30 SEBASTOPOL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,364: 1m 5f) (10 runners)

1 (8) 120150 CARLOWITZ 22 (C,G) (K Higson) A Moore 5-9-10 L Carter (5) 93
2 (7) 115555 INDIAN FLASH 82 (F,G,S) (V Matiya) R Guest 3-9-9 S Eiffert (5) 98
3 (4) 4600/00- JOHNS JOY 14J (F,G) (Miss J Set) J Bridger 8-9-9 Rachel Bridger (5) –
4 (3) 500231 BROUGHTONS FORMULA 6 (B,CD,G) W Musson 3-8-7 (5ex) D McCabe 97
5 (10) 00000-0 SUPER HEIGHTS 8 (C,F,G) (D Wilkins) D Williams 5-8-13 Aimee Cook (5) –
6 (6) 212050 KIAWAH 20 (F) (R Berenson) C Elsey 3-8-12 N Varley (3) [illegible]
7 (2) 050000 WALK THAT WALK 24 (G) (M Foeiger) K Wingrove 4-8-8 M Baird (5) 92
8 (9) 0/00536 YOUNG FACT 6 (C,F) (Duckhaven Stud) R Baker 8-8-8 B Russell (3) 98
9 (1) 00600 ARRASAS LADY 43 (Mrs O Foster) J Long 3-7-11 Wendy Jones (5) –
10 (5) 00600 MYJINKA 19 (B) (Miss P Westbrook) J O'Donoghue 3-7-7 S Sanders (3) –

Long handicap: Myjinka 7-5.

BETTING: 6-4 Broughtons Formula, 9-2 Kiawah, 7-1 Indian Flash, Young Fact, 8-1 Carlowitz, 12-1 Super Heights, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

CARLOWITZ best recent effort when beating Ballyranter short-head in 11-runner handicap (AW, 1m 2f) here. INDIAN FLASH 20l 5th of 15 to Rapporteur in amateurs' race here (AW, 1m 3f 110yd). BROUGHTONS FORMULA beat Vishnu ¾l in 7-runner apprentices' handicap over course and distance with YOUNG FACT (7lb better off) 10l 6th. KIAWAH 8¾l 5th of 14 to Faugeron in claimer at Newmarket (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start. WALK THAT WALK 23l 7th of 14 to Pertay in seller here (AW, 1m 2f). YOUNG FACT 5l 3rd of 16 to Caspian Beluga in handicap here (AW, 1m 4f) on penultimate start.
Selection: BROUGHTONS FORMULA

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
B Hills	21	67	31.3	Emma O'Gorman	34	149	22.8
W Jarvis	5	18	27.8	S O'Gorman	15	94	16.0
W O'Gorman	33	156	21.2	B Doyle	18	124	14.5
R Guest	6	30	20.0	J Williams	50	352	14.2
J Harris	5	25	20.0	B Rouse	17	138	12.3
Lord Huntingdon	15	77	19.5	D Holland	11	90	12.2

FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Autoglass Trophy
Second round
Bournemouth v Leyton Orient (7.45)
Scottish League
First division
Falkirk v Morton
Second division
Montrose v Stranraer
DRINKWISE CUP: Quarter-final: Halifax v Macclesfield (7.45).
BUDWEISER CUP: Final: Ards v Linfield (at Oval, Belfast, 7.45).
BORD GAIS NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final: Derry v Sligo.
ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fourth round replay: Connah's Quay v Ebbw Vale.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Enfield v Hayes. Second division: Newbury v Barton.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Leicester v Leeds, Sunderland v Coventry. Second division: Mansfield v Blackpool; Preston v Huddersfield (7.30); Scunthorpe v Bradford.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Norwich; Bristol Rovers v Oxford United (2.0). Chelsea v Queens Park Rangers (2.0); Crystal Palace v Southampton (2.0); West Ham v Arsenal (2.0). Second division: Birmingham v Exeter (7.0); Hereford v Swansea (2.0).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Bamber Bridge v Netherfield.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Crawley v Farnborough, Moor Green v Cheltenham. Dr Martens Cup: Third round: Sudbury v Gravesend and Northfleet.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Blackburn v York.
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Lowestoft v Wroxham.

RUGBY UNION

Club matches
Ebbw Vale v Newbridge (at Newbridge, 7.15)
Pontypridd v Glamorgan Wanderers
South Wales Police v Pontypool
Tredegar v Abertillery (7.0)

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: European bantamweight title: Vincenzo Belcastro (Italy, holder) v Drew Docherty (Croy) (at Grosvenor House Hotel, London).

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McCague smooths the path to victory

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN PORT ELIZABETH

WHEN the England A cricket players arrived here in South Africa three weeks ago, they would happily have settled for an unbeaten record to take to Cape Town for Christmas. After completing another victory yesterday, by an innings and 70 runs over the hapless Eastern Province side, they go there today with six wins out of six.

Neither Hugh Morris, the captain, nor Phil Neale, the team manager, is fooling himself. Too many catches were dropped in the second innings here — eight or nine, depending on one's charity. But as Neale said after his bowlers had dismissed Eastern Province for 304, "all you can do is beat the teams you come up against".

Morris preferred to give the home batsmen credit for taking the match into the final day, and thought his players derived benefit from a lengthy session in the field. "It showed in their second innings how difficult it was to prise batsmen out on that pitch," he said. "At times it was very frustrating but we are likely to play on some very flat pitches from now on and it is important to show that we can bowl sides out".

None of the five bowlers was given fewer than 20 overs. Like the animals, the wickets came in two by two, for McCague, Ilott, Cork and Such. Croft, who took the other, also effected the run-out of Huckle with a direct hit from mid-wicket so he can justly claim two as well.

McCague's return to the side, if not full match fitness, was the most obvious boon. It was not an ideal pitch for a bowler of his pace and his line was not always right. In his defence, these are early days and, after his back injury, he will only pick up his old rhythm by bowling plenty of overs.

"You want your strike bowler to be aggressive, and Martin's very keen to let the batsman know that he's around," Neale said. "He is a very domineering sort of bloke on the field. You know it when he comes running in to bowl at you.

"I think he will only get quicker on this tour and in this match he got just the amount of bowling he needed. His run-up got smoother as the match went on and he did a lot for his confidence."

It was McCague who took the most important wicket yesterday when Baptiste tickled the fourth ball of the day, and his first, to Rhodes, who again took four catches in the innings.

What a game Baptiste had. He put England in, bowled when it suited him, dropped a dolly off Wells, made a first-innings single and wasted time so shamefully that the last three overs of the England innings took 18 minutes to bowl. Disgracefully, he didnot even applaud Crawley's superb innings.

Botha, in more expansive mood than on Sunday night, was helpless when Ilott brought one into him. Shaw struck lustily, Morgan demonstrated for the second time in the match he could hold a bat but Lyle, Huckle and Roe made an excellent rabbit stew.

Understandably, Morris was disappointed with the quality of England's catching. "We are aware that we need to improve our fielding," he said. "It is the one area which causes concern at the moment. We have not got too many players who field close in at their counties and, when we return to Port Elizabeth for the A Test in January, it is vital that we hold our chances."

Neale said that establishing a reliable slip cordon "from nothing" was proving difficult. Crawley banished himself from that crucial area on Sunday after missing two chances — awkward ones, it is true, but the sort which experienced slips expect to hold.

Any consideration of the match must take the slowness of the pitch into account. The "Test" which ends the tour here will be played on the same strip when, everyone expects, more grass will be left on for the benefit of batsmen and bowlers alike.

Cape Town awaits, the part of the tour everyone is looking forward to. After a reception at the British consulate tonight, and practice at the redeveloped Newlands ground tomorrow, the tourists play their fifth match in the townships, at Langa on Thursday, against a Western Province Invitation XI.

Martin Bicknell is hoping, rather than expecting, to play there if his injured ribs allow him to. It is clear he will be given until at least the four-day match against Natal in Durban, which starts on New Year's day, to prove his fitness.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A: First innings 566-5 dec (J P Crawley 286, A P Wells 126, H Morris 79).

EASTERN PROVINCE: First innings 192 (G Morgan 60 not out, R D B Croft 5 for 41)

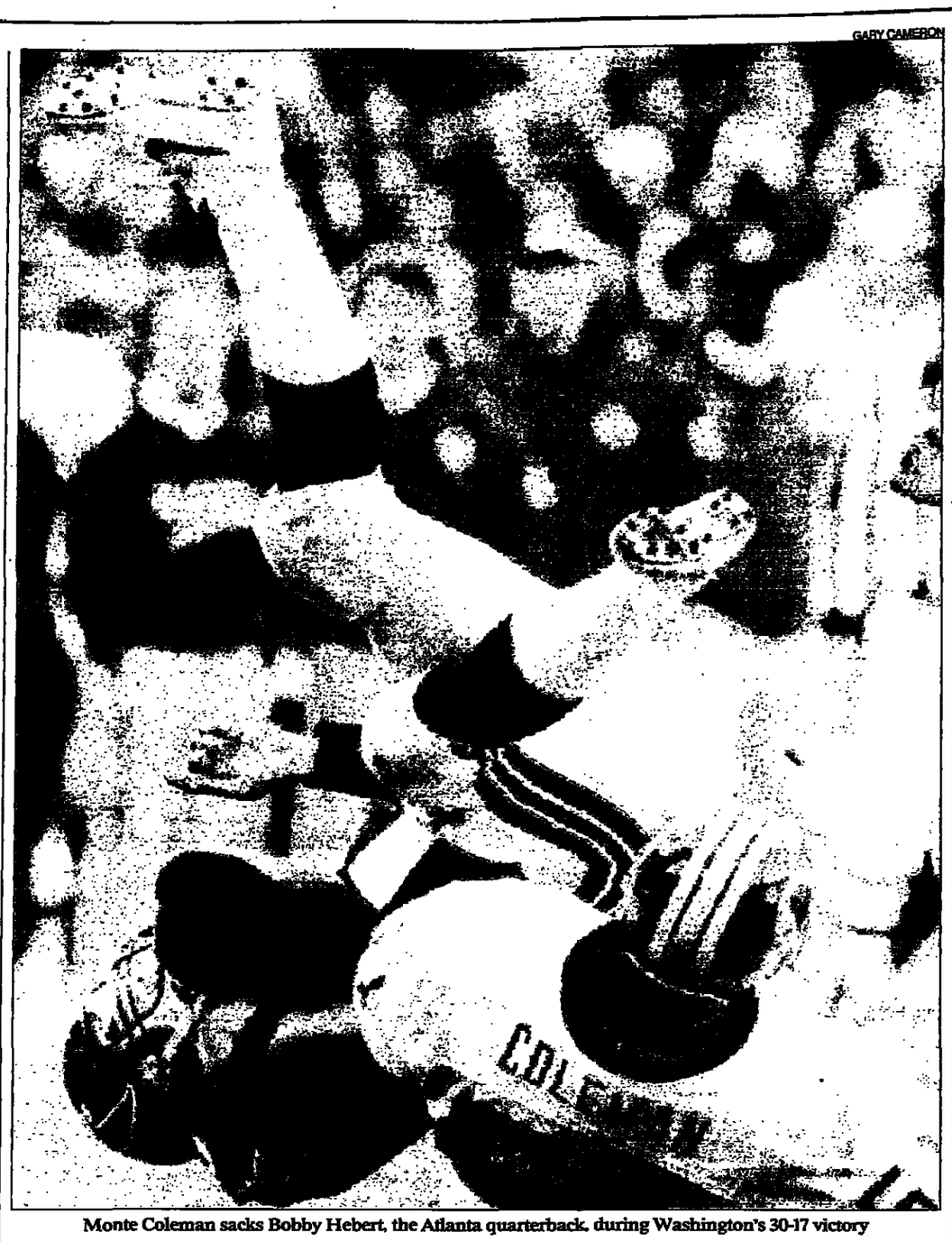
Second innings

M C Ventner lbw b Cork	10
P G Amm c Ilott b Croft	23
A Botha lbw b Ilott	74
L J Koen c Rhodes b Cork	0
S Pope c Rhodes b McCague	31
*E A E Baptiste c Rhodes b McCague	58
T G Shaw c Crawley b Such	42
†G Morgan not out	26
R Lyle lbw b Such	7
A Huckle run out	8
G Roe c Rhodes b Ilott	0
Extras (b 5, lb 8, w 2, nb 10)	25
Total 304	

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-36, 3-36, 4-84, 5-188, 6-228, 7-274, 8-282, 9-304.

BOWLING: McCague 27-8-74-2; Ilott 27.4-6-65-2; Croft 20-7-40-1; Cork 20-6-58-2; Such 23-5-54-2.

Umpires: R Koertzen and R Noble.



GARY CAMERON

Monte Coleman sacks Bobby Hebert, the Atlanta quarterback, during Washington's 30-17 victory

Houston left with home run

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

THE Houston Oilers, defeated in four of their first five National Football League games, won their ninth in a row on Sunday to take their divisional championship.

Warren Moon connected with Gary Brown on a 38-yard scoring pass and Bo Orlando returned an interception 35 yards for a score in the first six minutes, helping the Oilers to a 26-17 win over the Pittsburgh Steelers and clinching the American Football Conference (AFC) Central title.

"We have to play for the home advantage now," Moon said. "Winning here was great but the home field is better in the play-offs." Houston, with ten wins and four defeats, secured the divisional title by virtue of their home-and-away sweep of the Steelers.

The Oilers were playing their first game since the death of Jeff Alm, their defensive end, who committed suicide last week after he was involved in a road accident that killed a life-long friend, who was his passenger. "It was hard to put it out of our minds but I think the team did a great job of staying focused," Moon said. "We wanted to win for Jeff and we're sending the game ball to his parents."

Houston drove 80 yards in eight plays on their first series, capped by Moon's scoring pass to Brown. They increased their advantage when Orlando returned his interception and Al Del Greco booted field goals of 34 and 22 yards in the second quarter to make it 20-0. He added one of 33 yards in the third quarter and a 21-yarder in the fourth.

Neil O'Donnell, of Pittsburgh, fired a 37-yard scoring pass to Eric Green late in the third quarter and Merril Hoge scored on a five-yard jaunt for the Steelers with just over two minutes remaining. The Steelers lost their first divisional home game in three years and will probably have to beat Seattle and Cleveland to make the play-offs as a wild card.

Steve Young completed four touchdown passes and Tom Rathman ran for two scores to give the San Francisco 49ers the National Football Conference West title with a 55-17 rout of the Detroit Lions. San Francisco clinched their tenth divisional title in 12 seasons and extended to ten their league record of consecutive seasons with at least ten victories. They totalled 565 yards on offence and limited the Lions to 288 yards.

The Buffalo Bills beat the Miami Dolphins 47-34 — the highest-scoring game of the season — as Kenneth Davis scored three touchdowns, Mickey Washington returned an interception 32 yards for a score and Nate Odomes added a 25-yard fumble return for a touchdown.

Buffalo moved into sole possession of first place in the AFC East while the Dolphins, who could have clinched a play-off position with a win, were defeated for the third consecutive game.

RESULTS AND TABLES

RESULTS: Week 16: Cincinnati 15 LA Rams 3; New England 20 Cleveland 17; Minnesota 21 Green Bay 17; Buffalo 47 Miami 34; Houston 26 Pittsburgh 17; Washington 30 Atlanta 17; San Francisco 55 Detroit 17; Kansas City 28 San Diego 24; LA Raiders 27 Tampa Bay 20; Phoenix 30 Seattle 27 (OT); Philadelphia 20 Indianapolis 10.

American Conference

East division

	W	L	PF	PA
Buffalo	10	4	283	218
Miami	9	5	302	273
NY Jets	8	6	256	207
Indianapolis	4	10	179	310
New England	3	11	167	259

Central division

Houston*	10	4	334	231
Pittsburgh	8	6	286	256
Cleveland	6	8	253	277
Cincinnati	2	12	158	282

West division

Kansas City	10	4	284	237
Denver	9	5	333	234
LA Raiders	9	5	273	288
San Diego	6	8	245	253
Seattle	5	9	240	274

National Conference

East division

NY Giants†	10	3	245	158
Dallas†	10	4	322	213
Philadelphia	6	8	219	255
Phoenix	5	9	282	253
Washington	4	10	218	293

Central division

Detroit	8	6	248	258
Green Bay	8	6	282	252
Chicago	7	7	214	190
Minnesota	7	7	233	271
Tampa Bay	4	10	203	334

West division

San Francisco*	10	4	432	248
New Orleans	7	6	257	289
Atlanta	6	8	289	337
LA Rams	4	10	187	319

* won divisional championship

† secured play-off position

☐ Does not include game last night: NY Giants at New Orleans.

FIXTURES: Week 17: Sat: Houston at San Francisco. Sun: Atlanta at Cincinnati; Cleveland at LA Rams; Detroit at Chicago; Indianapolis at New England; LA Raiders at Green Bay; New Orleans at Philadelphia; NY Giants at Phoenix; NY Jets at Buffalo; Pittsburgh at Seattle; Tampa Bay at Denver; Washington at Dallas; Kansas City at Minnesota. Mon: Miami at San Diego.

Waqar's spell keeps Zimbabwe in check

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WAQAR Younis, the Pakistan fast bowler, took five wickets and his captain, Wasim Akram, captured four as Zimbabwe were bowled out for 230 in their first innings on the fourth day of the third and final cricket Test in Lahore yesterday.

Waqar finished with five for 100 — his sixteenth five-wicket haul in Tests — and Wasim four for 70, but their efforts were not enough to prevent Zimbabwe taking a first innings lead of 83. At the close, Pakistan were 37 for no wicket in their second innings.

After the start was delayed by mist, Zimbabwe added 109 runs to their Saturday score of 121 for three before being dismissed 80 minutes after lunch.

With his first ball, Waqar had Houghton, who reached 50 on Saturday, caught at the wicket by Rashid Latif. Five runs later, at 126, Whittall was caught by Asif Mujtaba at forward short leg as he pushed at Wasim.

Waqar then claimed wickets from successive balls. First, James, making his debut, was caught by Shoaib at third slip for eight, then Streak had his stumps shattered, reducing Zimbabwe to 141 for seven.

However, Brain added 46 runs for the eighth wicket with the captain, Andy Flower. Brain, who made a breezy 28 off 26 balls, fell shortly before lunch to Wasim, caught by Aamir in the slips as he fended a short delivery.

Brandes and Flower defied the Pakistan attack for another hour, but Brandes went leg-before to Wasim soon after Pakistan took the second new ball in the 77th over.

The new ball was changed after ten overs because it had gone out of shape; Waqar's first delivery with the replacement accounted for Rennie, who gave Latif his fifth catch of the innings.

Flower, who resumed on 15, was left unbeaten on 62, his fifth half-century in seven Tests and the second of this series. He had batted for 150 minutes, faced 107 balls and struck eight fours.

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN First innings 147 (D Brain 5 for 42)

Second Innings

Aamir Sohail not out	19
Shoaib Mohammad not out	8
Extras (b 9, nb 1)	10
Total (no wkt)	37

BOWLING: Brandes 8-3-9-0; Brain 7-4-7-0; Streak 5-1-5-0; Rennie 7-2-7-0

ZIMBABWE First Innings

G W Flower c Latif b Rehman	30
M W Dekker c Latif b Wasim	2
A D R Campbell c Latif b Waqar	6
D L Houghton c Latif b Waqar	50
*†A Flower not out	62
G W Whittall c Asif b Wasim	2
W James c Shoaib b Waqar	8
R Streak b Waqar	0
D Brain c Aamir b Wasim	26
E A Brandes lbw b Wasim	9
J A Rennie c Latif b Waqar	2
Extras (b 10, lb 13, nb 7, w 1)	31
Total	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-35, 3-88, 4-121, 5-126, 6-141, 7-141, 8-181, 9-215

BOWLING: Wasim 32-7-70-4, Waqar 34.4-9-100-5, Rehman 13-6-24-1, Mushtaq 5-1-13-0

Umpires: Khizer Hayat and Athar Zaidi

Boost for S Africa

A STAND of 242 for the fourth wicket between Hansie Cronje and Daryll Cullinan provided the perfect boost for Kepler Wessels, South Africa's captain, on the first day of the four-day game against Queensland in Brisbane yesterday.

Both men scored centuries, answering Wessels's call for a dramatic improvement in the lead-up to the first Test that starts in Melbourne on Boxing Day. Coming together at 38 for three, the pair steadied the innings and then punished the home team, eclipsing the previous South African fourth-wicket record in Australia of 150, set by Dave Nourse and Tip Snooke against Tasmania in 1910-11. Cronje led the way with a superb 145 while Cullinan was undefeated on 109, taking the touring team to 297 for four by the close.

Cronje's tenth first-class century included 12 boundaries and one six, and he went on to hit 19 fours and two sixes in all. Cullinan's more conservative century took 259 minutes and 203 deliveries.

SCORE: South Africa 297 for 4 (H Cronje 145, D Cullinan 109 not out).

☐ Surrey appointed Mike Edwards, the former batsman, as their director of cricket yesterday. Edwards, 53, has been responsible for Surrey young cricketers since 1980 and set up the youth development scheme which has supplied 15 of the present first-team squad.

No ghosts, but laudable search for cricket's soul

THERE was a time, a decade ago, when publishers fell over each other in the quest for more and more cricket books and when every player mentioned at a Test selection meeting could expect to field offers for the ghosted story of his brief and, usually, tepid life.

The inevitable outcome was that quantity bred poor quality, publishers caught regular colds and, come the recession, cutbacks were savage. The fanatics may mourn but the change has had its benefits. Commissioning is now so selective that only the best and most interesting of cricketing folk become hardback subjects.

The trend is also, gratifyingly, away from the ghosted first-person and more towards the objective biography or a theme, such as in the outstanding cricket book of the year, *Betrayal: The Struggle for Cricket's Soul* (Witherby, £16.99). Here, Graeme Wright, having resigned the editorship of Wisden, passionately bemoans the intrusion of marketing at the head of cricket's priority list and traces the erosion of the game's soul back to the abolition of amateur status. This is a labour of love and an admirable one, no matter how much one's views may differ from the author's.

This, though, has been a particularly lean year for cricket literature and there is not one personality book to be recommended. Publishers can attract a solid market with what their counterparts in the music business call compilations: two of note this year were *The Innings of My Life* (Headline, £16.99) and *If The Cap Fits* (TW, £16.99), put together by Jack Bannister and Colin Bateman respectively.

BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

Bannister asked 40 renowned batsmen to nominate and recall their best innings. In addition, Dickie Bird and Brian Johnston were given the chance to choose the best they had seen. The result is readable and sometimes surprising, with the Bannister hallmark of thoroughness.

Bateman's first book profiles, some cursorily but others at length, the 267 cricketers who won a Test cap for England from the end of the war to the end of last winter's Indian tour. Like Bannister's compilation, this is something to dip into rather than a weighty read.

County histories were once almost as numerous as autobiographies but they, too, now suffer from a realistic view of their market. Christopher Helm, however, have published histories of 11 counties and the latest is among the best. Matthew Engel and Andrew Radd combine affectionately on the story of *Northamptonshire* (£18.99), and the result is entertaining and informative.

Entertainment is not a quality one expects from the pen of Bill Frindall but his latest epic could hardly be more informative. The game's best-known scorer has again updated his *Wisden Book of Cricket Records* (Headline, £35.00) and its 703 pages encompass the essential and the trivial.

Headline is also responsible for the *Benson and Hedges Cricket Year* (19.99) now, and its twelfth edition is among the best, with an eye-catching design and comprehensive content under the usual stewardship of David Lemmon.

ALAN LEE

SPORT IN BRIEF

Graf to pull out of Hamburg event

STEFFI Graf is likely to miss the Hamburg women's tennis tournament in 1994 for the first time since the event's inception in 1987. Monica Seles, Graf's rival, was stabbed by a spectator on court at the tournament last April. Jens-Peter Hecht, a spokesman for the German tennis federation, gave no reason for Graf's decision but said yesterday that organisers would keep a wild card for the world No 1 if she changed her mind. Graf was beaten in last year's final by Arantxa Sánchez Vicario.

☐ Volkswagen has ended its sponsorship of the national championships at Telford after three years. The car manufacturer will continue to support the pre-Wimbledon Volkswagen Cup women's grass-court tournament at Eastbourne. The Hurlingham Club in London will host Britain's first event on the ATP seniors tour. The entry for the £66,000 grass-court championships from June 15 to 18 has not yet been announced.

Title date for Hide

BOXING: Herbie Hide, the British heavyweight champion, will challenge London-born Michael Bentt for his World Boxing Organisation title at Millwall Football Club's new headquarters, Senegal Fields, on March 19.

Bentt, who unexpectedly took the title from Tommy Morrison in 93 seconds in October, was approached about a lucrative defence against the veteran, George Foreman, but no progress has been made by the Bentt camp, headed by Bob Arum, of New York, who will promote the Hide bout in association with Barry Hearn, Hide's manager.

Scots await hearing

CYCLING: Scotland's objections to the inclusion of professionals in the Commonwealth Games next year will be heard in London today by Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) officials (Peter Bryan writes). The decision to make the 1994 Games in Victoria, Canada, open was taken in October at the annual meeting of the 66-nation CGF general assembly, but has since produced protests from Scotland, Wales and England. Critics claim it could result in the majority of medals being won by professionals and lead to the sport's disappearance from the Games.

Jury to re-open case

YACHTING: The Whitbread Round the World Race was thrown into confusion in Fremantle yesterday when the generous time bonus awarded to Brad Butterworth's entry, Winston, for turning back to rescue the disabled Italian yacht, Brooksfield, was withdrawn for re-examination (Barry Pickthall writes). Appeals against the time bonus of 21hr 28min pursuaded the organisers to hold back the prizes for second and third places on the second leg until the fleet arrives in Auckland, when the jury has promised to re-open the case.

Quick work by Carter

RACKETS: Richard Carter, of Rugby, the outstanding player of his generation, underlined his dominance at schoolboy level when he won the Foster Cup, the elite singles of the British public schools championship, in a remarkable 24 minutes against the stylish Ed Behn, of Radley, 15-7, 15-5, 15-5. Carter, who has also won the junior colts and colts events, was one of the youngest players in the field. Eton made it a clean sweep of junior wins when Guy Smith-Bingham retained his junior colts' title in straight games against Richard Palmer, of Haileybury.

Lomas reaches Top 12



TABLE TENNIS: Lisa Lomas, right, achieved another accolade in the most successful year of her career when it was announced yesterday that she and Chen Xinhua, the England men's No 1, had qualified for the European Top 12 tournament in Arezzo, Italy, from February 4 to 6. Lomas is the only English woman to qualify since the retirement of Jill Parker, England's last European champion, nearly 12 years ago.

Bronze for Britain

BOBSLEIGHING: Sean Olsson and Lenny Paul, the brakeman, came third for Britain in a World Cup two-man event in Calgary yesterday. A slight error in the exit from the Kreisel curve cost them second place by 0.02sec. They recorded a two-run time of 1min 52.25sec while Mark Tout and Eric Sekwalor, also of Britain, finished eleventh. "Britain has now won three medals this season and it opens up the results league," Tout said. "The World Cup can go to any nation and the race in Lillehammer [at the Winter Olympics in February] looks like being very exciting."

St Albans punished

HOCKEY: Graham Day, of St Albans, has been taken off the list of players registered with the Pizza Express National League for a breach of the rules that has cost his club a £50 fine. Day played for West Herts in the Norwich Union East League on November 20, scoring twice, and on the following day was on the team-sheet for St Albans in the National League match against Reading. St Albans, having discovered the irregularity, immediately suspended him, after which the National League committee took action against both the club and the player.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 32

LIEBIG

(b) A preparation obtained from beef, containing the salts and extractive principles of the meat in highly concentrated form, without the albumen, gelatin or fat, eponym from the name of the inventor, Baron Justus von Liebig (1803-73): "They do not contain the moral Liebig which would alone satisfy descendants of the Platonic guardians."

MEROHEDRAL

(a) Having less than the full number of faces admitted by the type of symmetry to which it belongs, referring to a crystal, from forms of certain classes were regarded as merohedral divisions of a more symmetrical form."

DENTIL

(a) Each of the small rectangular blocks, resembling a row of teeth, under the bed-moulding of the cornice in the Ionic, Corinthian, Composite, and sometimes Doric, orders, from the obsolete French *dentille*, Latin *denticulus*, diminutive of *dens*, *dentem* a tooth: "The dentils introduced just under the cornice are a great source of richness."

ESCHELE

(c) A troop or squadron (of soldiers), rarely a company (of travellers), from the Old French variant of a Teutonic root, Old High German *skara*, Barbour, *Bruce*, 1375: "In twa escheles ordanit he had / The folk that he had in leding."

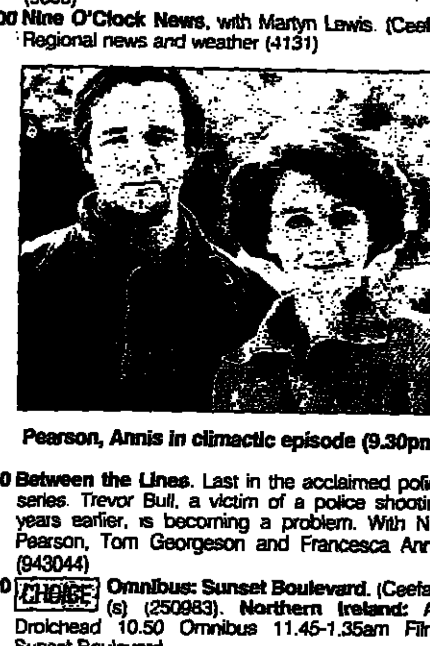
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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (59773)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (97890131)
9.05 Defenders of the Earth. Animation (r) (1674044) **9.35 The Night of the Red Hunter** (r). (Ceefax) (8781570)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1016266) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (3638711)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (15810711)
12.15 Pebble Mill, with Judi Spiers (s) (9120537)
12.55 Regional News and weather (31832204)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (93044)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (49962727)
1.50 Best of British. Extracts from past decades of British movies (45362763)
2.15 Jackaroo First of a two-part story set in the Australian Outback (302247)
3.50 Tales of the Tooth Fairies. Animation (7257334) **3.55 Moomin.** Animation (1985063) **4.20 Spacevets** (s) (4232995) **4.35 The Really Wild Show.** Chris Packham looks forward to the zoos of the future (r). (Ceefax) (8199518)
5.00 Newsround (8426841) **5.10 Grange Hill** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4662957)
5.35 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (276624)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Jennie Bond. (Ceefax) Weather (624)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (976). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando presents this week's programme from the new Eastern and Oriental Express as it travels from Singapore to Bangkok. Plus a report from Kathy Taylor as she takes a cycling holiday in Holland for deaf-blind youngsters, Paul Gogarty's breezy postcard from Corfu and Sue Cook on a weekend in Oxfordshire (4150)
7.30 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s) (860)
8.00 Children's Hospital. The final programme in this emotional roller-coaster of a series. It is bonfire night and an 11-year-old gets his thumb stuck on a nail. Meanwhile doctors are worried about little Simon Butler's new liver. Featuring news of the children featured over the last ten weeks. (Ceefax) (6470)
8.30 A Question of Sport. Bill Beaumont is joined by cricketer Robin Smith and Formula 1 driver, Johnny Herbert. On Ian Botham's side is footballer Bryan Gunn and swimmer Sarah Hardcastle. (Ceefax) (s) (9605)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News, with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4131)

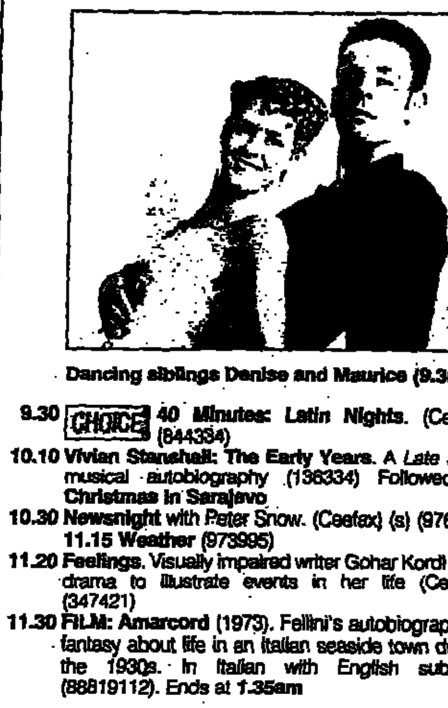


Pearson, Annis in climactic episode (9.30pm)

9.30 Between the Lines. Last in the acclaimed police series. Trevor Bull, a victim of a police shooting years earlier, is becoming a problem. With Neil Pearson, Tom Georgeson and Francesca Annis (943044)
10.20 CHOICE **Omnibus: Sunset Boulevard.** (Ceefax) (s) (250983). **Northern Ireland:** An Droichead 10.50 Omnibus 11.45-1.35am Film: Sunset Boulevard
11.10 FILM: Sunset Boulevard (1950, b/w). Billy Wilder's classic drama about an out-of-work screenwriter (Joe Gillis) who becomes sucked into the warped world of a faded silent screen star played by Gloria Swanson. The film inspired the Lloyd Webber musical (764501)
1.00 Weather (6788261). Ends at **1.05**

BBC2

6.50 FILM: The Lad (1935, b/w). Gordon Harker plays a man just released from jail and mistaken for a private detective Directed by Henry Edwards (5349860)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (2150599)
8.15 FILM: The Yellow Canary (1943, b/w). Anna Neagle stars as a socialite posing as a Nazi sympathiser Directed by Herbert Wilcox (57795228)
9.50 Fine Cut. A documentary look at railroad tramps riding the trains across America in the 1990s (r) (10710781) **11.25 The Weasel's Winter** The animal's life story (1841773)
11.50 FILM: Lassie – Joyous Sound (1972) The clever collie gets lost in a big city. Directed by Jack Wrather (9665583) **1.00 M*A*S*H.** A surprise party is arranged for Colonel Potter (r) (26336570)
1.25 The Brollys (r) (63964082). **Wales:** The Singing Kettle **1.40 Christmas Crackers** (r) (s) (23390841) **1.45 The First Noels** (r) (29152173)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (68749711) **2.05 See Hear!** With signing and subtitles (r) (s) (17671131)
2.30 International Showjumping (s) (537)
3.00 News. (Ceefax) and weather (9685402)
3.05 CHOICE **Radio Goes To War** (4651006)
3.50 News (Ceefax) and weather (1985228)
4.00 Always Afternoon. First of a two-part romantic drama set in Australia during the First World War. Starring Lisa Harrow (77179)
5.30 Delia Smith's Christmas. Seasonal fare (r). (Ceefax) (353)
6.00 FILM: One Spy Too Many (1966). First of a series of films based on the TV series *The Man from UNCLE*. Starring Robert Vaughn and David McCallum. Directed by Joseph Sargent. (Ceefax) (83957808) **7.40 Animation Now** (556228)
7.50 CHOICE **It Will Be All Over By Christmas.** (s) (700763)
8.30 The Food and Drink Christmas Quiz (s) (7247)
9.00 Bottom Comedy with Adrian Edmondson, Rick Mayall and a recipe for disaster (r). (Ceefax) (2773)



Dancing siblings Denise and Maurice (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **40 Minutes: Latin Nights.** (Ceefax) (844384)
10.10 Vivian Stanshall: The Early Years. A *Late Show* musical autobiography (136334) Followed by **Christmas in Sarajevo**
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (s) (976792) **11.15 Weather** (973995)
11.20 Feelings. Visually impaired writer Gohar Kordi uses drama to illustrate events in her life (Ceefax) (347421)
11.30 FILM: Amarcord (1973). Fellini's autobiographical fantasy about life in an Italian seaside town during the 1930s. In Italian with English subtitles (88819112). Ends at **1.35am**

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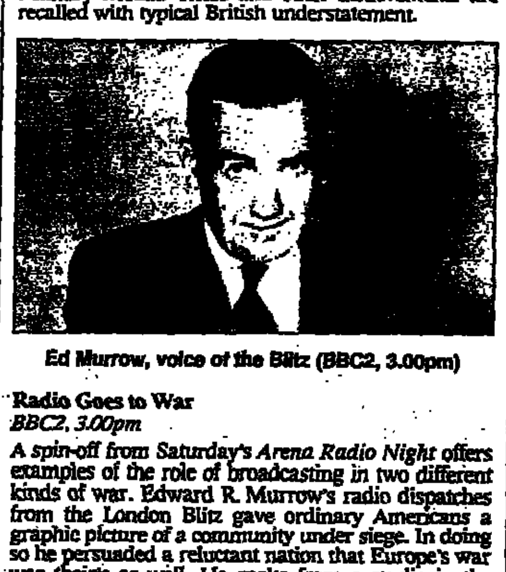
CHOICE

Omnibus: Sunset Boulevard
BBC1, 10.20pm

The excuse for celebrating *Sunset Boulevard*, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's latest hit musical, is twofold. One is that translating a film to the stage represents a variation on the more usual genre-swop which is from book or play. So there is something to be said about the particular challenge of adapting a cinema classic. The other point of interest is that having been appropriated by the British theatre, *Sunset Boulevard* has now returned to its original setting of Los Angeles in a production headed by Glenn Close. There is a film from the LA opening night, plus interviews with Lloyd Webber, the lyricist Don Black and the director, Trevor Nunn. Billy Wilder's 1950 film is being shown immediately after the programme.

It Will Be All Over by Christmas
BBC2, 7.50pm

In the early months of the First World War the German Kaiser ordered his troops to sweep the contemptible British army back across the Channel. The insult was turned into a compliment. The term Old Contemptibles was coined for soldiers who fought in France between August and November 1914. Only seven survive. Four of them, Joseph Armstrong, Nicholas Keating, Captain G.B. Jameson and Frank Sumptor, appear in this programme. Their ages range from 98 to 101. Their memories, lucid, articulate and lacking in bitterness, are intercut with archive film. Jameson won the Military Cross and Keating the Military Medal. These and other achievements are recalled with typical British understatement.



Ed Murrow, voice of the Blitz (BBC2, 3.00pm)

Radio Goes to War
BBC2, 3.00pm

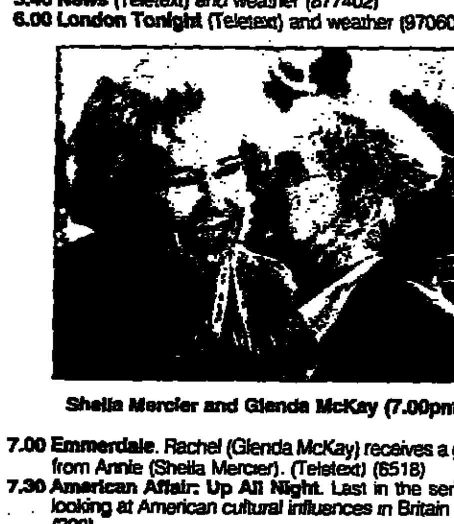
A spin-off from Saturday's *Arena Radio Night* offers examples of the role of broadcasting in two different kinds of war. Edward R. Murrow's radio dispatches from the London Blitz gave ordinary Americans a graphic picture of a community under siege. In doing so he persuaded a reluctant nation that Europe's war was theirs as well. He spoke from a studio in the basement of Broadcasting House, the strong, firm voice belying a chain-smoker who sweated nervously in front of the microphone. Radio helped to bring Fidel Castro to power in Cuba. In the 30 years since Cuban exiles in Miami have repaid the compliment by using the airwaves to undermine the Castro regime. This radio war shows no sign of abating.

40 Minutes: Latin Nights
BBC2, 9.30pm

Matrice Robinson is a miner's son from Lancashire who drives a fork-lift truck. His sister, Denise, is a factory worker. Off-duty they change into eye-catching costumes, slap on sun-tan and become one of Britain's leading Latin American dance teams. Dad was not so keen on his son wearing make-up but is coming round. Down in suburban Reading a similar transformation is undergone by Melanie Walker and Ian Waite. They have been dancing together for eight years and say the relationship is more intense than if they were married. Peter Gordon's film, which follows the couples to Blackpool for the British championship, has potentially strong material but promises more than it eventually delivers.
Peter Waymark

ITV

6.00 GMTV (4483082)
9.25 The New Adventures of He-Man. Fantasy cartoon (9825995) **9.50 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3665860) **9.55 COPS.** Cartoon adventures (6397570)
10.20 FILM: Kidco (1984). A comedy, based on a true story about a group of children going into business on their own Directed by Ronald Maxwell (25524518)
12.20 London Today (Teletext) and weather (9911402) **12.30 News** (Teletext) and weather (2811247)
12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (2829266) **1.25 Home and Away.** Australian family drama. (Teletext) (26348315) **1.55 A Country Practice** Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (s) (58417632)
2.20 Gardener's Diary John Ravenscroft looks at houseplants (17670402) **2.50 The Young Doctors.** Australian hospital drama series (5685266)
3.20 ITN News headlines (9692792) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9691063)
3.30 FILM: Santa and the Three Bears (1970) Two baby bears put off their hibernation in order to see Father Christmas. Directed by Tony Benedict (4139763)
4.40 Children's Ward. Hospital drama series. (Teletext) (s) (2483334) **5.10 Home and Away** (r). (Teletext) (s) (9085614)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (877402)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (97060)



Sheila Mercier and Glenda McKay (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale. Rachel (Glenda McKay) receives a gift from Annie (Sheila Mercier). (Teletext) (6518)
7.30 American Affair: Up All Night. Last in the series looking at American cultural influences in Britain (s) (228)
8.00 The Bill: Keep on Trucking. Operation Bumblebee, the burglary squad, tackle holiday break-ins. (Teletext) (5266)
8.30 Danielle Steel's Jewels. Final part in this romantic saga starring Annette O'Toole and Anthony Andrews. Sarah and her husband, the Duke of Whitfield, start their jewellery business by buying from the local villagers. Concludes after the news. (Teletext) (22976)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) and weather (85976) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (718860)
10.40 Danielle Steel's Jewels. Concluding part. (Teletext) (350605)
11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (477131)
12.20am The Little Picture Show. Mariella Frostrup recalls some of the programme's first year's highlights (3911700)
1.20 The Twilight Zone. Double-bill of mysteries. In *Night of the Meek*, a department store Santa Claus is fired on Christmas Eve, and *The Card*, a wife is given a credit card with unlimited spending power (3566223)
2.15 FILM: Father Came Too (1963) starring Stanley Baxter, Sally Smith, James Robertson Justice and Leslie Phillips. The honeymoon ends and the overbearing bride's father moves in. Directed by Peter Graham Scott (524385)
4.00 The Beat (r) (s) (70071)
5.00 Riviera. French drma serial (93342)
5.30 ITN Morning News (88803). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Ulysses 31 Cartoon (r) (81711)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (16995)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. American high-school comedy (95353) **9.30 Grim Tales: The Griffin** (r) (s) (4916889) **9.45 The Lone Ranger** (b/w). The masked hero fights stagecoach robbers (377421)
10.15 Grim Tales. The story of *The Frog Prince* (1326421) **10.30 Spiff and Hercules** (r) (2984605) **10.55 Dennis** (r) (5654841)
11.00 Strangers. Second part of the New Zealand drama serial about four friends investigating a robbery (r) (7605) **11.30 Sharky and George.** Cartoon adventures (r) (8334)
12.00 The Legend of White Fang. Animated adventures of Jack London's canine hero (r) (82889) **12.30 Sesame Street.** With guest, the violinist Yo Yo Ma (45537)
1.30 Julie. First of a six-part comedy series. Julie Andrews plays a singer, Julie Carlyle, who marries a vet and moves to Iowa, giving up her glamorous career (s) (25082)
2.00 FILM: The Proud Rebel (1958) starring Alan Ladd and Olivia de Havilland. A Civil War veteran seeks medical help for his mute son. Directed by Michael Curtiz (419976)
3.50 Rosie's Walk. Animated version of Pat Hutchin's children's classic (7240044)
3.55 Crawshaw's Watercolour Studio Alwyn Crawshaw introduces acrylic paint (5769605)
4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (841)
5.00 Oprah Winfrey Show. This week's guests are parents who are pushed into poverty by their children. (Teletext) (s) (1705518)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy (r) (392402)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. Classic American comedy series starring Pam Dawber and Robin Williams (r) (334)
6.30 Roseanne. (r). (Teletext) (s) (686)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (786334)
7.50 Tall Stories. The first in a series of short films celebrating some of New York's most famous skyscrapers. Trump Tower was built in 1983 and houses Fifth Avenue's most expensive shopping mall. (Teletext) (831421)
8.00 There's Something About A Convent Girl. More than 30 convent-educated women talk about their experiences (r) (Teletext) (2889)
9.00 Bloody Bosnia Winter 1993: From Beirut to Bosnia — To the Ends of the Earth. The final programme in the series examining the rise of militant Islam from the Middle East to Bosnia. Robert Fisk examines the rise of fundamentalism in Bosnia (5353)



RuPaul is the belle of the ball (10.00pm)

10.00 RuPaul's Christmas Ball The six-foot-seven black American drag queen goes downtown and welcomes star guests (6794179)
11.05 New(s) York. First of four programmes in which Laurie Pike takes a look at New York's only 24-hour cable news station (169570)
11.35 FILM: Straight Out of Brooklyn (1991) starring George T. Odom. A teenager plots a daring robbery to escape from his violent father and a life of poverty in Brooklyn. Directed by Matty Rich (711518)
1.10am Football Italia — Mezzanotte. Highlights of Roma v Inter Milan (4017713)
2.05 L A Law. Courtroom drama series (r) (1748667). Ends at **3.00**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **9.00** Musicmusic-music: Listeners give their views on the British music industry in the 1990s **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Ken Dodd's Christmas Comedy Club (1/2) **7.30** Junkin's Jokers: John Junkin's guest is Bruce Forsyth (r) **8.00** Carol Pemberton, founder and musical director of a cappella group Black Voices, presents her choice of music **9.00** Simply the Best. Brian Kay celebrates the 25th birthday of the King's Singers **10.00** Martin Kelner **12.05am** Adrian Finighan with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.55** Yesterday — Once More: First of a four-part ghost story by Eric Pringle **10.25** Johnnie Walker's Countdown to Christmas **1.00pm** News and Sport **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** Carr Lane Karters. First of a four-part drama by Steward Howson **7.15** 101 Dalmations (4/7) **7.30** Football Plus **9.30** X Minus One **10.10** Earshot **12.00-12.10am** News: Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** New Ideas **7.50** Trees **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Concert Hall **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Coast to Coast **9.30** On Screen **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Latins in the USA **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *The Shopkeeper and the Beggar* **2.45** Capriccio **3.00** News **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.15** Megamix **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Concert Hall **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Science or Fiction? **1.45** Country Style **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Development '93 **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Discovery **4.00** News **4.15** Waveguide **4.25** Book Choice

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Arthur Benjamin (Oboe Concerto in C minor: John Anderson) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Christmas in Vienna, live from the Hofburg Palace Featuring Placido Domingo, Dionne Warwick, Ruggero Raimondi, the Mozart Boys' Choir and the Vienna Symphony Orchestra under Vjekoslav Sutej **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Wendy Lloyd

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.20-2.50 The Way We Were (17670402) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News And Weather (9691063) **5.10-5.40** Swot Or Wot? (9085614) **6.00** Home And Away (884131) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (681266) **7.30-8.00** Children Of The Winter (228) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (718860) **12.25am** Film: Corridors Of Blood (770532) **2.00** The Little Picture Show (84919) **3.00** The ITV Chart Show (5903358) **3.55** Nite Bites (85801483) **4.05** Dizzy Gillespie Quintet - Live (94042174) **4.30** Riviera (22342) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (93342)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55 Shortland Street (58417632) **2.20** Travel Trails (17670402) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (5685266) **3.25-3.30** Central News (9691063) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (9085614) **6.00** Home And Away (664131) **6.25-7.00** Central News (681266) **7.30-8.00** The Tuesday Special (228) **10.30-10.40** Central News (718860) **11.30** Kojak (45685976) **2.10am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1525862) **2.40** The Beat (3842919) **3.40** Profile (85700700) **3.50** Jobfinder (5476648) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55 Home And Away (2629266) **1.25** A Country Practice (82644266) **1.50-2.20** Emmerdale (20853773) **2.50-3.20** Wish You Were Here..? (5685266) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (9691063) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9085614) **6.00** Home And Away (792) **6.30** Granada Tonight (934537) **6.55-7.00** Stocking Up For Christmas (793402) **7.30-8.00** Laugh With The Carry Ons (228) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (718860) **12.25am** Film: Corridors Of Blood (770532) **2.00** The Little Picture Show (84919) **3.00** The ITV Chart Show (5903358) **3.55** Nite Bites (85801483) **4.05** Dizzy Gillespie Quintet - Live (94042174) **4.30** Riviera (22342) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (93342)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (58417632) **2.20-2.50** Travel Trails (17670402) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (9691063) **6.00** HTV News (792) **6.30-7.00** Billy (604) **7.30-8.00** The Crossing (228) **10.30-10.40** HTV News & Weather (718860) **12.25am** Film: Corridors Of Blood (770532) **2.00** The Little Picture Show (84919) **3.00** The ITV Chart Show (5903358) **3.55** Nite Bites (85801483) **4.05** Dizzy Gillespie Quintet - Live (94042174) **4.30** Riviera (22342) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (93342)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales At Six (792) **6.30-7.00** The Munsters Today (604) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News & Weather (718860) **11.40-12.25pm** Prisoner: Cell Block H (340470)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.20 Yan Can Cook (17670402) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (5685266) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (792) **6.30-7.00** Local Hero (604) **7.30-8.00** Great House Cookery (228) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News & Weather (718860) **11.30-12.20pm** The Equalizer (477131) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (93342)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 The Young Doctors (20852044) **2.25** Travel Trails (17679773) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (1286353) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry Latest (9691063) **5.08-5.10** Birthday People (5897315) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (97060) **7.30-8.00** Men In A Women's World (228) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (718860) **12.25am** Film: Corridors Of Blood (770532) **2.00** The Little Picture Show (84919) **3.00** The ITV Chart Show (5903358) **4.05** Summer Jazz - A Tribute To Dizzy Gillespie (94042174) **4.30** Riviera (22342) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (93342)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.20-2.50 Travel Trails (17670402) **5.55** Calendar (581421) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (604) **7.30-8.00** Love And War (228) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (718860) **11.30** Film: Frankenstein Must Be Destroyed (550334) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show (7267803) **2.25** Sledge Hammer (5125826) **2.55** 60 Minutes (9063445) **3.50** Stage Two (1888754) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (2557822)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (16995) **9.00** Saved By The Bell (95353) **9.30** Grim Tales (4916889) **9.45** The Lone Ranger (377421) **10.15** Grim Tales (1326421) **10.30** Spiff And Hercules (2984605) **10.55** Dennis (5654841) **11.00** Strangers (7605) **11.30** Sharky And George (8334) **12.00pm** The Feast Of Christmas (82889) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (26711) **1.00** The Wonder Years (19082) **1.30** Garden Club (25082) **2.00** The Late Late Show (73792) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey Show (7119137) **3.50** Laurel And Hardy (1903824) **4.00** Slot 23 (8957) **5.00** Moviewatch (7624) **5.30** Fifteen To One (421) **6.00** Newyddion (770266) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (916131) **6.25** Hano (669808) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (7860) **7.30** Wil Sam Gan W.S. Jones (570) **8.00** Tydi Coleg 'Yn Grêt (3808) **8.30** Newyddion (2315) **9.00** Cutting Edge (5353) **10.00** The Golden Girls (83518) **10.30** Dim Tafod (90228) **11.30** The Secret Cabaret With Simon Drake (78247) **12.00am** The Almost Complete History Of The Twentieth Century (6351067) **12.15** Desmond's (46803) **12.45** News York (47174)

RADIO 3

6.55am News 7.00 On Air: Andrew McGregor presents news, weather and music. Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 4 in G, BWV 1049); Giovanni Gabrieli (Angelus ad pastores); Liszt (Transcendental Study No 6 in A minor, Theme and Variations); Vivaldi (Bassoon Concerto in B flat, RV504); Strauss (Die heiligen drei Könige aus Morgenland); Dvořák (Prague Waltzes)
9.00 An Advent Calendar: St George's School Choir under Ian Hillier performs Trad (Wassail! Wassail!: Here we come a-wassailing)
9.10 Composers of the Week: Musicians at the Court of Gustav III of Sweden Francesco Antonio Uttini and Johann Gottlieb were two foreigners invited to Stockholm to help establish operas in Swedish. Curt Carlsson introduces music by both men, and features excerpts from Uttini's opera *Thetis och Pelée* and Naumann's *Gustaf Wasa*
10.10 Musical Encounters, with Chris Wines in Birmingham. Respighi (Brazilian Impressions); Jacó do Bandolim (Chôro; Gostosinho, Tasty); Beethoven (Serenade in D, Op 25); **10.57** Christa Ludwig, mezzo, sings songs by Brahms; Schubert (Piano Sonata in A minor, D845: Paul Barkowitz); **11.51** Os Ingênuos plays and another group of Chôros from Brazil
12.00 Music Restored: The Flute at Court. Music by de la Barre, Marais, Philidor, Montéclair and Blavet (r) **1.00pm News**
1.05 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier performs Ravel (La valse); Blake Watkins (Cello Concerto: Timothy Hugh); Berlioz (Symphonie fantastique)
2.40 Hölderlin Lieder: The second cycle of songs by German composer Wilhelm Killmayer to Friedrich Hölderlin's later poems. Performed by Christoph Prégardien, tenor, and Siegfried Mauser, piano
3.30 The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Mark Wigglesworth plays Bartók (Suite, The Miraculous Mandarin); Beethoven (Symphony No 9 in D minor, Choral)
5.00 In Tune: Schoenberg (Weinachtsmusik); Granados (El amor y la muerte); Bach, arr Stokowski (Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor); Chopin (Ballade No 2 in F, Op 38)
7.30 The LSO Sibelius Cycle: The second of five all-Sibelius concerts given during last year's Scandinavian Festival, *Tender is the North*, at the Barbican Centre in London. Colin Davis conducts Symphony No 3 in C; Höstkväll, Op 38 No 1; Luonnotar, Op 70; Symphony No 1 in E minor. With Karita Mattila, soprano (r)
9.05 Saki Short Stories: Mrs Packletide's Tiger. Read by Peter Howell
9.10 Piano and Strings: Trio di Vienna performs Paul Juon (Piano Trio in A minor, Op 17); Lili Boulanger (Deux Pièces en trio); Strauss (Piano Quartet in C minor, Op 13)
10.35 Arthur's Knight: Sir Gawain. See Choice
11.30 The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales plays Wagner (Siegfried Idyll); Dvořák (Symphony No 4 in D minor) **12.30am News**
12.35-12.45 An Advent Calendar (as 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444
10.00-10.30 Bel Mooney's Somerset Winter (FM only): The first of three programmes in which Bel Mooney celebrates the winter solstice through writers influenced by the county of Somerset
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Habakkuk and Haggai. Read by Adjoa Andoh (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to needlecraft designer Julie Hasler. Story: *Those Sailing Ships of His Boyhood Dreams*, by Moy McCrory. Read by Fiona Shaw. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now, presented by Geoff Watts
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Wordly Wise: Peter Hobday with guests Tony Hawkes, Charles Kennedy, Rosalind Miles and Caroline Quentin (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Rustic Glee, by Perry Pontac. Lady Fransham, head of a new commission on poverty, invites Miss Blimes, an impoverished tenant farmer for tea and a chat. With Anna Massey and Samantha Bond
2.30 Personal Records: Jeremy Nicholas explores Lord Rix's record collection
3.00 News; Inner Journeys — Outward Shows: A portrait by Jim Perrin of rock-climber J. Menlove Edwards, who committed suicide in 1958
3.30 Pot Luck — with John Tovey: Chefs Tessa Bramley, Eugene McCoy and Ian Ross talk about post-Christmas cooking
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Gill Pyrah talks to artist Eileen Cooper and reads a collection of stories by Chester Himes
4.45 Swirsky Rejoices: Roland Christopher Hope recalls an African Christmas in the second of five stories featuring chemist Nathan Swirsky
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Gentleman and Ladies: Susan Hill's wry study of life in a small English village (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Silence Over Lockerbie: See Choice
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Devil's Advocate: Actor John Nettles takes up the case for Shakespeare's Shylock
8.45 In Touch: Frankie Armstrong and Judy Watson, who have both had some sight restored after years of blindness, talk about the pleasures and problems of learning to see again
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Bel Ami, by Guy de Maupassant. Read by Alex Jennings (7/12)
11.00 Mediumwave (r)
11.30 Spike's Pick of the Goons: The Affair of the Lone Banana
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Arthur's Knight: Sir Gawain. *Radio 3, 10.35pm.*
This is the first of six plays by Kevin Crossley-Holland, notable re-teller of British folk tales and Norse myths. He now applies his poetic gifts to the knights of Camelot, beginning with Gawain who famously matched himself against the axe-wielding Green Knight. He could have settled for adapting Malory's *Morte d'Arthur*. Instead, he uses Malory (Richard Griffiths) as both his mouthpiece and as the cocked ear into which others — tonight it is Norman Rodway's Agincourt veteran — can pour the Arthurian tales. The device works superbly.

Silence Over Lockerbie. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*
The finger of suspicion still points in only one direction — towards Libya. This is the starting point for tonight's investigation into the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 five years ago. By the time it ends, the finger is swinging, pendulum-like, between Syria and Iran, which the State Department and the Foreign Office have exonerated from blame. The suspicion that truth was traded off against political expediency is in more minds than those of the families that were bereaved by the Lockerbie disaster.
Peter Davalle

RADIO 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2:** FM 88-90.2. **RADIO 3:** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4:** 198kHz/1515m; FM 92.4-94.6. **RADIO 5:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. **CAPITAL:** 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. **GLR:** FM 94.9; **WORLD SERVICE:** MW 648kHz/463m. **CLASSIC FM:** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN:** MW 1215, 1197, 1242 kHz.
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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (83714063) **8.40** Lamb Chop's Play-a-Long (8463605) **9.00** Cartoons (35895) **9.30** Card Sharks (82537) **10.00** Concentration (7770082) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (7376315) **10.30** Love at First Sight (31179) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (55808) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (15131) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (66353) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (61808) **2.00** Condominium (22082) **3.00** Another World (8298841) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5430179) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8131) **6.00** Games World (9353) **6.30** Paradise Beach (7155) **7.00** Rescue (9860) **7.30** Growing Pains (6889) **8.00** Return to Lonesome Dove: Second of a four-part mini-series (25873) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (87860) **11.00** The Untouchables (36773) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (35396) **1.00am** Night Court (79803) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (51272)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (99315) **9.30** Nightline (24131) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (13537) **11.30** Japan Business Today (33179) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (17353) **1.30** CBS News (18082) **2.30** Review of the Year (38112) **4.30** News and Business Report (8402) **5.00** Live at Five (562995) **7.30** Target (84976) **9.30** Talkback (44131) **11.30** CBS News (16111) **12.30pm** ABC News (59025) **1.30** Target (62532) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (32280) **3.30** Talkback (44025) **4.30** Target (13754) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (35735)

SKY MOVIES
6.15am Showcase (95451773)
10.00 Jack and the Beanstalk (1952): With Abbott and Costello (37841)
12.00 The Night Rider (1978): David Selby plays a Zorro-type figure (190179)
1.50pm The Red Tent (1971): Fact-based story of the explorer General Umberto Nobile. With Sean Connery (27355605)
4.00 The Secret War of Harry Frigg (1968): Paul Newman is sent to Italy to rescue five Allied generals (3083)
6.00 Chameleons (1989): A superhero's (Stewart Granger) death is investigated by his grand-daughters (98978)
8.00 The Goonies (1985): American kids set off on the trail of hidden treasure (93421)
10.00 Rush (1991): Drama about police corruption in the 1970s (51957)
12.00 Some Kind of Hero (1981): A hapless PoW (Richard Pryor) returns from Vietnam (962551)
1.45am Bloodfist III — Forced to Fight (1991): Martial arts with Don Wilson (948984)
3.15 Adam's Woman (1970): Beau Bridges plays an American sent to an Australian penal colony (388342). Ends at **5.10**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Land of the Pharaohs (1955): Jack Hawkins and Joan Collins vie with each other to build a better pyramid (89285)
8.00 The Prince and the Showgirl (1957): Laurence Olivier and Marilyn Monroe star in Terence Rattigan's play (54127334)
10.05 Rambo: First Blood Part 2 (1987) Sylvester Stallone returns to Vietnam to rescue PoWs (122315). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
8.00am Wings of Fame (1990): Peter O'Toole meets his murderer (Colin Firth) in the afterlife (63686)
8.00 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1985): Cartoon version (68624)
9.00 Brer Rabbit Christmas Carol: Animated seasonal tale (21402)
10.00 Reunion (1990): Two childhood friends, a German count and a German Jew, attempt a reconciliation 50 years on (68711)
12.00 High Hell (1958): A woman, her husband and her lover are stranded together after a snowstorm (34528)
2.00pm Invitation to the Wedding (1985): A bishop marries his niece to the wrong man. With Ralph Richardson (51222)
4.00 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (as 8am) (4441155)
4.55 Brer Rabbit Christmas Carol (as 9am) (8312044)
6.00 Dinosaurs — The Movie (1991): Children are transported into a world of prehistoric beasts (96518)
8.00 Crisscross (1991). Goldie Hawn is forced to strip to pay the bills (91083)
10.00 Toy Soldiers (1991): Prep school children are held hostage by the son of a South American drug lord (768452)
11.55 Child of Darkness, Child of Light (1991): Supernatural chiller (797082)
1.25am Judgment (1990). A couple suspect a priest is abusing their son (2124464)
2.55 Across 110th Street (1972): The police and the Mafia are after the same gang. With Anthony Quinn and Yaphet Kotto (859735). Ends at **4.30**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (8903957) **7.15** Prime Bodies (440841) **7.45** Fishing (449112) **8.15** Soccer News (2649570) **8.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor (85598) **9.00** Prime Bodies (98709) **9.30** Snooker (219865) **12.30pm** Football: QPR v Chelsea (61537) **2.30** Ten Pin Bowling (7353) **3.00** Tennis: Champions Tour (44599) **5.00** Fishing the West (1624) **5.30** Goal (8841) **6.00** Soccer News (730773) **6.15** Netbusters (735228) **6.30** NFL Classics (61315) **7.30** Field Hockey (42402) **8.30** The Footballers' Football Show (11808) **10.00** Soccer News (891711) **10.15** The Boss (709131) **10.45** Dubai Rugby Sevens (478044) **11.45-1.45am** Tennis (858686)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (75686) **8.00** Cross Country Skiing (1387044) **9.15** Alpine Skiing (8572518) **10.00** Cross Country Skiing (5530686) **10.50** Alpine Skiing (3313191) **12.00** Cross Country Skiing (98781) **12.30pm** Eurogoals (20841) **1.30** American Stock Car Racing (21570) **2.30** Eurofun (2421) **3.00** American Football (65082) **4.30** Alpine Skiing (20082) **5.30** Eurogoals (87228) **6.30** News (4402) **7.00** Bowling (22957) **8.00** Paris-Dakar Rally (31605) **9.00** Boxing (11841) **10.00** Snooker (29137) **12.00-12.30am** News (70822)

UK GOLD
7.00am GP (7843686) **7.30** Neighbours (7855421) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2999605) **8.30** EastEnders (2998976) **9.00** The Bill (2989228) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (9168191) **10.30** Wings (9379773) **11.30** Rhoda (7133792) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2992792) **12.30pm** Neighbours (8380179) **1.00** EastEnders (7842957) **1.30** The Bill (8372150) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (4823957) **2.30** Brush Strokes (7041711) **3.00** Dallas (7144808) **4.00** Dynasty (7123315) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4847537) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7029589) **6.00** Neighbours (7019112) **6.30** EastEnders (7033792) **7.00** When the Boat Comes In (8169711) **8.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (4836421) **8.30** Brush Strokes (4822228) **9.00** Wings (8165995) **10.00** The Bill (2993421) **10.30** Carrott Confidential (2979841) **11.00** Top of the Pops (4719131) **11.45** Dr Who: Destiny of the Daleks (9354204) **12.15am** FILM: A Christmas Carol (1938, b/w): Dickens's classic (4093087) **1.45-2.00** Video Bites (50761551)

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (97995) **7.00** RatKan II (46773) **9.00** T-Rex (41179) **9.30** Beakman's World (69063) **10.00** Princess and the Shoemaker (26889) **10.30** Swamp Thing (30063) **11.00** You Can't Do That on Television (44605) **11.30** Ghostbusters (45334) **12.00** Fame (59686) **1.00pm** The California Raisins (49860) **1.30** Round the Bend (62150) **2.00** Ironman (4976) **2.30** The Finder (6286) **3.00** Piggsburg Pigs (8910131) **3.25** RatKan II (2103624) **3.30** Ovide and the Gang (5711) **4.00** The Charlie Brown and Snoopy Show (1518) **4.30-5.00** Beakman's World (6042)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Dawn Patrol (92353) **7.30** Guts (71860) **8.00** Get the Picture (77570) **8.00** Fraggle Rock (73570) **9.00** Speed Racer (90421) **9.30** Wild Side Show (27063) **10.00** Janosch's Dream (61995) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (96605) **11.00** Cartoon Capers (28155) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (68889) **12.30pm** Rabbit Ears: We All Have Tales (38179) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (91624) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (20150) **2.00** Janosch's Dream (5686) **2.30** Hey Dude (5995) **3.00** Out of Control (7421) **3.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (7112) **4.00** Capitol Critters (6247) **4.30** The New Adventures of Speed Racer (5131) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All: Janet's Old Boyfriend (9266) **5.30** Get the Picture (9711) **6.00** Guts (6824) **6.30-7.00** Welcome Freshmen (7976)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (7030605) **4.30** Waterways (7038889) **5.00** Realm of Darkness (4824686) **6.00** Only in Hollywood (6741711) **6.95** Beyond 2000 (4137228) **7.00** Earth Calling Basingstoke (8167353) **8.00** Spies (4834063) **8.30** Suspicious Circumstances (4813570) **9.00** Wings over the World (8163537) **10.00** Disappearing World (8166824) **11.00** The Great Moghuls (7122686) **11.30-12.00** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (2801402)

BRAVO
12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (2987860) **12.30pm** FILM: The Company She Keeps (1951, b/w). Two women are in love with the same man (8059889) **2.00** FILM: Tender Comrade (1943, b/w): Ginger Rogers tries to help the war effort (8005191) **3.45** Art Linkletter and the Kids (45298957) **4.00** The Flying Nun (7027131) **4.30** My Three Sons (7023315) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (4832605) **5.30** The Donny and Marie Show (7047995) **6.00** The Invisible Man (7044808) **6.30** Torchy, the Battery Boy (7028860) **7.00** The Partridge Family (8161179) **8.00** FILM: The Sleeping Tiger (1954, b/w): A psychologist experiments on a burglar (7550222) **9.30** Battle at St Lo (6388711) **10.00** FILM: Fright (1971): A babysitter is terrorised (2438624) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (2805228)

UK LIVING
7.00am Jayne and Friends (5176995) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (1002529) **8.30** Living Daylights (3839624) **8.45** Everyday Yoga (3934179) **9.00** Divorce Court (8957650) **9.30** Hot Topics (8351711) **10.00** Your Baby and Child (3867315) **10.30** Living Extra (2557614) **11.00** Family Affairs (4784402) **11.30** Floyd on France (4785131) **12.00** Practical Living (27389266) **12.15pm** Kilroy (1024711) **1.00** Crosswits (2075792) **1.30** Infatuation (8321570) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (3868044) **3.00** Agony Hour (4796247) **4.00** Crosswits (3150716) **4.30** Infatuation (8872060) **5.00** Highlights of Jayne and Friends (6564082) **6.00** Beautywise (3022763) **6.30** Madhur Jaffrey's Far Eastern Cookery (8327155) **7.00** Agony Hour (8521763) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (6521583) **9.00** FILM. Women of Valour (1986): Susan Sarandon and Kristy McNichol play American nurses in a Japanese PoW camp (55894773) **10.50** Fame and Fortune (7642112) **11.00** Divorce Court (4709711) **11.30** Dr Ruth (3863599) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (5123603)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00am The Wonder Years (1083315) **5.30** Danger Bay (4082) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (1995) **6.30** Catchphrase (2247) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (8792) **7.30** All Clued Up (1131) **8.00** Remington Steele (53841) **9.00** Neon Rider (73605) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (22044) **10.30** The Bob Newhart Show (31792) **11.00** Newhart (36686) **11.30** Mary Tyler Moore (17773) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (11754)

MTV
6.00am Awake on the Wild Side (120228) **9.00** Ingo (30624) **11.00** The Pulse (47402) **12.00** Greatest Hits (51044) **1.00pm** Simone (932060) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (8664179) **3.45** At the Movies (8652334) **4.00** News (5835686) **4.15** 3 from 1 (5858537) **4.30** Dial MTV (2860) **5.00** The Soul of MTV (7686) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (35624) **7.00** A Very Special Christmas 2 (2650) **7.30** Madonna in Paris (1119) **8.00** In Search of Madonna (62599) **9.00** Greatest Hits (75063) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (759605) **10.15** At the Movies (746860) **10.30** News at Night (538686) **10.45** 3 from 1 (528841) **11.00** Hit List UK (78570) **1.00am** Marijne (49261) **2.00** Night Videos (1421700)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (84421) **7.00** Regional News (44315) **7.30** Asian Morning (11044) **9.00** Pai Jhar (90570) **10.00** Tamil FILM (870711) **1.00pm** Sauda (49686) **1.30** Hindi FILM: Dosti (763957) **4.30** Kiddie Time (4228) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (1899) **7.00** Issi Bahane (9402) **7.30** Newstrack (5960) **8.00** English News (518228) **8.15** Hindi FILM: Haque (59133315) **11.15** Hisaar (317150) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (5967532) **1.35** Sight and Sound (18065483)

TNT
Tonight's Theme: Hitting the Big Time
7.00pm The Big Hangover (1950) An attorney is allergic to alcohol. With Van Johnson and Elizabeth Taylor (16913083)
8.35 The Big House (1930, b/w): Robert Montgomery is one of three prisoners trying to escape (35092044)
11.55 The Big Shakedown (1934, b/w): A pharmacist is tempted to sell cheap drugs. With Charles Farrell (50277808)
1.05am The Big Doll House (1971): Escape drama set in a women's prison. With Judy Brown (57157648)
2.50 The Big Leaguer (1953): An aging baseball player (Edward G. Robinson) trains a young team (16480071) Ends at **5.00**

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Millionaire businessman withdraws bid for Manchester City

Maine Road takeover folds

BY PETER BALL AND KEITH PIKE

MANCHESTER City's disarray increased yesterday when Michael McDonald, a multi-millionaire local businessman, withdrew his offer to take over the club. McDonald had given the club's board of directors until lunchtime to respond to his offer but the deadline passed without reply.

McDonald said: "By the close of business tonight, I had not heard from City, so that effectively ends my interest. I will be involved in buying another major company tomorrow, which will involve considerable sums, so I regret that I am now standing aside. In the interests of Manchester City, I hope someone comes in quickly to sort things out."

McDonald's optimism seems likely to be misplaced. With divisions on the City board, the club increasingly resembles a ship with no rudder. With Peter Swales, the majority shareholder, who resigned as chairman two weeks ago, refusing to countenance the £8 million bid from the consortium led by Francis Lee, the club's former England international forward, their options seem limited. Eddie Shah and Bob Scott, the leader of the Manchester Olympic bid, had both been canvassed by an increasingly desperate board to act as chairman but neither was eager to pick up a poisoned chalice.

The offer from McDonald, who shook hands with Swales on the terms on Thursday, seemed the ideal way out of the impasse. Instead, in a rare show of independence, the board voted down their former chairman's proposal by four votes to three and have declined to reconsider.

"I think the vote was probably because I set conditions that were crucial to me," McDonald said. "As I said before, I was not willing to be a puppet. I would have been content with a seat on the board and my idea was to get the playing side sorted out.

"I would have provided substantial funds for transfers. I wasn't interested in lining the pockets of anyone but rather in getting in players to help stabilise the club." That is becoming urgent. The 2-0 defeat away to Blackburn Rovers on Saturday means City have won only one of their last 12 matches and they are close to the relegation zone. The board meeting on Friday appointed Freddie Pye, the vice-chairman, to work with the manager Brian Horton on team affairs but there seems unlikely to be any money available for new players until the boardroom situation is sorted out.

The consortium supporting Lee is still in the wings but Colin Barlow, their spokesman, repeated his warning that the club's value was dropping. The board, however, is showing no sense of urgency and appears in no hurry to replace Swales.

Terry Venables remains a contender for the position of England manager, the Football Association said yesterday, but reports that he is to be appointed in the New Year have been dismissed. The job is "still wide open", Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive, said.

Kelly described as "nothing more than speculation" a suggestion that Jimmy Armfield, who has been recruited as a special advisor to the sub-committee empowered to select Graham Taylor's successor, had already decided to recommend Venables.

"I have been in regular contact with members of that committee but there have been no formal meetings," Kelly said. "We hope to have a meeting before the end of the year, and we have got a tentative date, but I would think that until the committee meets nobody has been ruled out and nobody has been ruled in. It is still wide open. We will get around to considering names but we are not at that stage yet."

Continued speculation, Kelly said, "is largely immaterial but certainly has not helped" the sub-committee's deliberations. "Everybody I have met has an opinion and I have listened to everybody, including supporters, but I don't think they have come up with anything new."

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David Miller, page 28

The FA Premiership match between Queens Park Rangers and Chelsea was postponed last night because of a waterlogged pitch.

Cup draw puts Corless back on terms with Northampton

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NINE of English rugby union's ten first-division clubs went into the draw for the fifth round of the Pilkington Cup yesterday, but when the smoke of battle clears on January 22 no more than five will be left standing.

Ian Beer, the president of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), managed to pair eight first-division clubs; the exception was Harlequins, whose love affair with the cup will continue at home against West Hartlepool, the leaders of the second division.

Leicester, the holders, play London Irish at Welford Road; Bath, the favourites, entertain Bristol, but the intriguing nuance in the draw is that between Gloucester and Northampton, the clubs linked by Barrie Corless, the Northampton director of rugby for five years before taking a five-year contract with Gloucester. Corless was among the first of rugby's wave of professional administrators a decade ago, when he was appointed the RFU's divisional technical administrator for the Midlands.

Then he went "private" as an essential ingredient in the Northampton revolution and few men know what makes the Saints tick as well as he. He also has the encouragement of knowing that success in the league against Northampton last month, 19-14, was the start of Gloucester's climb back to first-division respectability.

"We have played consistently well since we got that first win," Corless said. "Seven tries in the last two league games [against Orrell and Harlequins] isn't bad, the back row is going well and we are using the ball better. But I still know more about Northampton than Gloucester in lots of ways because I had more dealings with the players there."

The same is true for Northampton, of course, whose coach, Glenn Ross, spent two years alongside Corless. But the Midlands club's progress has been hindered by injuries to and the loss of key forwards. Gloucester's problem has been to achieve the correct balance, notably at half back.

"Now the side is winning, the crowds are coming back and we are better than when we beat Northampton," Corless said. "There is such a strength of feeling for rugby in the Gloucestershire area that, if we could get things going, the support could be enormous, rivalling Leicester and Bath. It's another sleeping giant, with tremendous potential."

Indeed, Corless has been examining that potential in meetings with representatives of the Gloucestershire Combination clubs so that the relationship between the flagship at Gloucester and the nearby frigates can be improved.

Leicester have not met the Irish in the cup since they were finalists in 1980, when the Irish scored the only try of the game but Leicester kicked the goals. Knockout meetings between Bath and Bristol, however, have been comparatively regular: Bristol won the first, in 1976, but have lost the subsequent three, the final in 1984, and the quarter-finals of 1989 and 1992.

Bath must be favoured to continue their winning sequence and the same may be said of Orrell, even though they must go to Newcastle Gosforth.

The two surviving third-division clubs met with mixed fortunes. Rosslyn Park will be at home to Saracens but Fylde must take to the road to play Moseley.

☐ The fifth round of the Swalec Cup, on January 22, features only one first-division tie, between Pontypridd and Aberavon.

SWALEC CUP: Fifth round: Bonymaen v Tondu; Dunvant v Abercarn or Pyle; South Wales Police v Caerphilly or Llandy; Kidwelly v Llanelli; Tenby United v Abercrave; Pontypridd v Aberavon; Narberth v Nantymoel; Bridgend v Felinfoel; Cardiff v Oakdale or Builth Wells; Cromlin or Maesteg v Glamorgan Wanderers; Abercynon v Neath; Newbridge v Llanharan; Maesteg Celtic v Talywain; Ystradgynlais or Glynneath v Newport; Swansea v Old Penarthians or Seven Sisters; Llandovery v Mold.

FIFTH ROUND

Bath v Bristol
Gloucester v Northampton
Harlequins v West Hartlepool
Leicester v London Irish
Moseley v Fylde
Newcastle Gosforth v Orrell
Otley v Sale
Rosslyn Park v Saracens
Matches to be played on January 22

Skelton takes narrow lead after victory in fast time

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

NICK Skelton's battle with Michael Whitaker for Leading Rider of the Show at Olympia intensified when Skelton and Everest Limited Edition pushed Whitaker into second place in a dramatic finish to the P&O European Ferries Christmas Carol Stakes yesterday afternoon.

The win, which came less than 24 hours after Skelton's fall from Limited Edition in the puissance on Sunday night, gave Skelton a six-point lead over Whitaker in the leading rider table.

"It wasn't an easy one to win," Skelton, the leading rider last year, said after one of the fastest rounds of his life. Whitaker had taken the lead over the ten-fence course on the triple Hickstead Derby winner, Everest Monsanta. His position on the 19-year-old was looking secure after the two top German Olympic riders, Franke Sloothaak on Corrado and Ludger Beerbaum on Almox It's Me, both tried and failed to match his time.

But for Skelton, going third from the end of the 34-strong class, it was just the challenge he relishes. Any worries that Limited Edition had frightened himself when failing to clear the puissance wall at 7ft 3in the previous night were quickly dispelled.

Shouted on by the capacity crowd, the Belgian-bred gelding produced a turn of foot which surprised even Skelton. "It's as fast as he's ever been," the Warwickshire-based rider confirmed. They completed the course more than a second inside Monsanta's time.

The win brought Skelton's winnings for the week to £12,945, of which £2,550 came from the puissance in which he shared first prize with Sloothaak on San Patrignano Mister, despite the fall.

Sloothaak's mount also bounced back from his puissance exertions when he won the P&O European Ferries Six Bar. Only three riders — Sloothaak, Lesley McNaught-Mandli, of Switzerland, and Lars Nieberg, of Germany, were left in the fifth and final round when the last of the six fences stood at 6ft 1in.

McNaught-Mandli, formerly of Britain, went out of contention when almost unseated at the fifth fence. Her horse, Forester, had little choice but to stop before the sixth fence. Nieberg hit three fences on Zirkana — though not the last — leaving the way open for Sloothaak and Mister.

The Germans are renowned for their well-schooled horses, but the display of jumping which followed surpassed all expectations. Only just out of a trot as they cleared the first "practice" fence, Sloothaak turned the Dutch-bred gelding slowly into the line of fences. With relentless precision they cleared each of the six fences.

"I think the puissance was a help," Sloothaak, a 1988 Olympic team gold medal-winner, said. "It made him jump carefully and really use himself. He's very powerful and doesn't need to go fast to jump high."

RESULTS

CHRISTMAS CAROL STAKES: 1 Everest Limited Edition (N Skelton, GB) 0 fits, 47.73sec; 2, Everest Monsanta (M Whitaker, GB) 0, 48.78; 3, Almox It's Me (L Beerbaum, Ger) 49.30

SIX-BAR: 1, San Patrignano Mister (F Sloothaak, Ger); 2, Zirkana (L Nieberg, Ger); 3, Forester (L McNaught-Mandli, Switz).

CHRISTMAS STOCKING STAKES: 1, Everest Major Wager (N Skelton, GB) 0, 29.84; 2, San Patrignano Donna (F Sloothaak, Ger) 0, 30.31; 3, Almox It's Me (L Beerbaum, Ger) 4, 32.23

SNOWMAN STAKES: 1, Everest Vantage (G Luckett, GB) 0, 32.21; equal 2, Singapur (M Fuchs, Switz) and Embassador (M Armstrong, GB) 0, 33.97.

PURSUANCE: equal 1, Everest Limited Edition (N Skelton, GB) and San Patrignano Mister (F Sloothaak, Ger).



DES JENSON

Sloothaak takes a fence on Osta Carpets Little Boy in the Christmas Carol Stakes at Olympia yesterday

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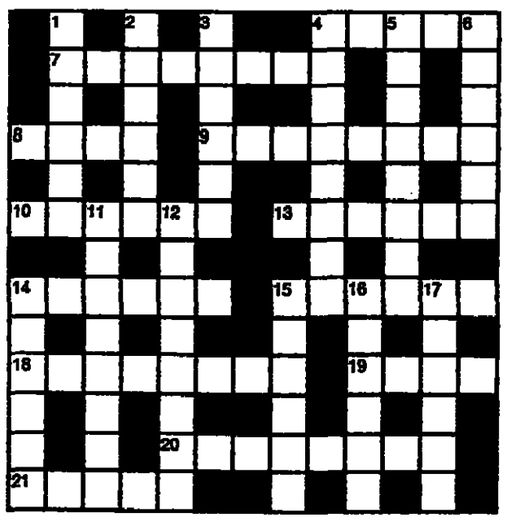
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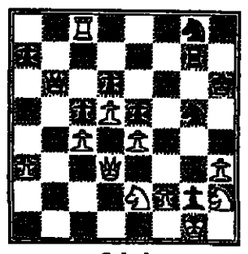
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Solution, page 30

By Philip Howard

LIEBIG
a. A gross and obvious untruth
b. Salt beef extract
c. German students' union

MEROHEDRAL
a. Short of faces
b. A Byzantine archimandrite
c. Living by trade

DENTIL
a. A cornice block
b. Hip of the dog rose
c. Tooth enamel

ESCHELE
a. Legal confiscation
b. The black widow spider
c. A troop or company

Answers on page 30

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